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## SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION

*New year, new facility  
brings change in traffic*

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

It's that time of year again, when students get their school supplies ready and strap on their backpacks as they head back to the classroom, but the 2017-18 Fort Rucker school year is unique.

Fort Rucker schools get back to business Wednesday with Fort Rucker Elementary School students attending the new, temporary school site, the FRES Village, and installation officials want to make sure parents are well informed, according to Vicki Gilmer, Fort Rucker schools principal.

"We are very excited for the new year," she said. "We will be opening up the FRES Village for grades three through six and parents are going to see the same quality education that they've al-

ways gotten at our schools."

While Fort Rucker Primary School will conduct business as usual, Gilmer said, the changes for the elementary school will be felt well outside the hallways of the new temporary facility.

The temporary school site, located on the corner of Andrews Avenue and Dustoff Street, is a multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art facility that features a full gym, outdoor play area, media center, cafeteria and much more, just as a normal school would have, said the principal.

And with the new school year and facility comes a new set of challenges, such as getting students back into their school routines, but another challenge people will face this year is a new traffic pattern with the new facility, said Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker com-



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**Drivers are reminded that school goes back in session Wednesday on Fort Rucker, and to keep their speeds down and be vigilant looking out for children.**

munity police chief.

"[With the new location], this means that no children will be able to walk or ride their bikes to school, so we will have an increase in parents dropping students off or children riding the buses," he said.

With the majority of school traffic coming from on post housing, Dumais expects most people

to travel down Farrell Road.

"What we want parents to do is when they come down Farrell, they should turn behind Lyster Army Health Clinic and come down Dustoff Street, so that they can use the traffic light at the corner of Dustoff and Andrews," said the police chief. "We will queue the parents' drop-off cars to the back side of the school, so if we

get a backlog of cars, we're going to queue them down Dustoff so that they don't impact the traffic coming down Andrews Avenue."

During the early morning hours, traffic can become a bit heavy with around 700 vehicles entering the installation through the Enterprise Gate alone between the

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## ARMY AVIATION GENESIS

*WWI vet, movie star on display at museum*

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

When thinking of Army Aviation, many people's first thoughts turn to helicopters like the AH-64 Apache or UH-60 Black Hawk, but the story of Army Aviation didn't start with vertical lift.

Army Aviation's roots began with fixed-wing aircraft, and one of the most significant aircraft that had a lasting impact on the future Branch was the Nieuport 28C-1, which was a French aircraft borrowed by the United States when the nation entered World War I in 1917.

And one of those historic aircraft calls the U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker home, according to Bob Barlow, U.S. Army Aviation Museum volunteer and former Aviator.

"This is where it started," said Barlow. "This is where the United States Air Service that later became the U.S. Army Air Corps, then later the U.S. Army Air Force, and then Army Aviation became the ground support force we know of today – but it was borne among [the pilots of World War I]."

The Nieuport 28C-1 was developed in mid-1917, but was rejected by the French Air Service as a front-line fighter, so it was given to arriving American squadrons and became the first operational pursuit aircraft in the U.S. Air Service.

When the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, the war had already been going on for a few years, so the U.S. didn't have aircraft that could compete with others being flown in the war, said Barlow.

"We had to borrow aircraft, some from the British, but primarily from the French," he said. "When the first squadrons deployed to France, they were given these aircraft to fly, and the Nieuport 28 is the aircraft that was used for a couple of very notable firsts in the Army Aviation."

During the war, U.S. pilots had been in combat prior to the use of the Nieuport 28C-1, but it wasn't until the use of the aircraft that the U.S. saw its first aerial kill in U.S. history by then-2nd Lt. Douglas Campbell of the 94th Aero Squadron on April 14, 1918, said Barlow. By May 31, he became the first air ace with his fifth kill.

The U.S. received 297 Nieuport 28C-1s from the French during the war, but only 88 returned to the U.S., including the one that sits in the museum today, which was not only flown during the war, but was also featured in the movie, "The Dawn Patrol," in 1938. After its movie debut, the aircraft fell into disrepair until it found its way to the United Kingdom in the early 1990s where it was restored to full flying condition before finding its permanent home at the museum.

"It's a beautiful airplane," said the former Aviator. "Airplanes of those days were creations of wood and fabric, and they looked flimsy, but they were stronger than you think."

The Nieuport 28C-1 has a wingspan of about 26 feet and is 20 feet long, and features a 160-horsepower rotary engine that gave the plane the capability to reach speeds of up to 122 mph.

"The engines of the aircraft in those days were piston engines, which is

“They did it when Aviation was in its infancy, so these guys were daredevils, they were brilliant and they were brave to do what they did.”

— BOB BARLOW,  
U.S. ARMY AVIATION MUSEUM  
VOLUNTEER, FORMER  
AVIATOR

not like a usual radial engine," said Barlow. "In most aircraft engines, the engine is stationary and the propeller turns independent of the engine, but this is a rotary engine, so when the engine turns, the propeller turns along with it."

The engines of the time didn't retain oil, so there was an oil tank that fed it to the engine, and the engine, through centrifugal force would lubricate the cylinders, and as the oil was used up it was blown out along the bottom. Stains of oil can still be seen on the aircraft where the oil was ejected through the bottom of the engine.

Additionally, the aircraft had one Vickers machine gun mounted over the engine, which was synchronized to fire through the propeller, with later models adding another gun, said Barlow.

"Army Aviation today is a ground support force, but in those days they did it all," he said. "The early Aviators of that time became the pioneers of the modern Air Force that started being built during the Second World War."

"These guys flew these things in France and did a fantastic job with them," said the former Aviator. "They were only in action for about 10 months before the armistice was signed ending the war, but they they did a lot in a very short amount of time, and this is the aircraft they did it with. We are standing on the shoulders of [these WWI pilots]. They did it when Aviation was in its infancy, so these guys were daredevils, they were brilliant and they were brave to do what they did."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**Pets can get dehydrated quickly, especially during the hottest months of summer in the south. The Fort Rucker Public Safety Office urges pet owners to ensure their pets have a constant supply of fresh water, especially outdoors.**

## Help pets beat the heat

**By Alysia Spivey**  
*Public Affairs Intern*

People aren't the only ones who feel the heat in the summer months and it's important to remember that the warmer temperatures can affect people's four-legged friends, as well.

The Fort Rucker Public Safety Office offers several tips on how people can keep their pets safe and healthy during the summer months.

- Never leave a dog alone in a car. Parking in the shade or a cloudy day will not eliminate all the potential heat risks.
- Pets can get dehydrated quickly. It's important to give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors.
- Make sure pets have access to a shady place to get out of the sun.
- Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept out of the heat as much as possible.
- Don't let pets linger on hot asphalt – their paw pads are sensitive and may burn. Keep daily walks during high temperatures to a minimum.
- Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting, difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, and/or stupor. Symptoms can also include seizures, vomiting, and/or elevated body temperature.

According to the American Red Cross website, if you suspect your pet is suffering from a heat stroke or illness, you should first remove the animal from direct heat and check the animal's body temperature.

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**The Nieuport 28C-1 sits in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum and was predominantly used in World War I by U.S. Army pilots.**



# PERSPECTIVE

## ARMISTICE DAY

Today 64th anniversary of ‘agreement to stop fighting’

By Cpl. Min-je Park  
U.S. Forces Korea

YONGSAN, South Korea — Today marks the 64th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in Korea — known as Armistice Day. What is significant about this armistice is that it did not the end the three-year Korean War that left an entire nation in ruins and millions dead. The armistice was an agreement signed in 1953 simply to stop the fighting.

### OVERVIEW OF THE KOREAN WAR

The North Korean Army, also known as the Korean People’s Army, crossed the 38th parallel at 4 a.m. June 25, 1950. The Republic of Korea Army was unprepared and caught off guard, under-equipped with troop strength and ally support. Joseph Stalin, premier of the Soviet Union, allowed North Korea to invade the South, provided Chinese political leader Mao Zedong sent troops to the Korean Peninsula.

It took the North Korean troops only three days to reach Seoul and capture the capital. The United Nations Forces and U.S. Army, including the 24th Infantry Division and the Eighth Army, joined Korea in July 1950 to help defend the nation but were forced to retreat behind the Busan Perimeter, which covered only the most southeastern part of the peninsula.

It was the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Command Gen. Douglas MacArthur, whose decision that would turn the tables completely. He ordered troops to land at Inchon Sept. 15, 1950,



NAVY PHOTO

With her brother on her back, a war-weary Korean girl trudges by a stalled tank, in Haengju, Korea, June 9, 1951.

which led to the recapturing of Seoul.

The ROKA and United Nations Command were then able to advance to the very north of the Korean Peninsula. The Chinese People’s Volunteers Army, however, intervened in the war to support North Korea. PVA easily outnumbered and seriously threatened the UNC Forces, pushing the ROKA and UNC to below the 38th parallel.

In January 1951, Seoul again changed hands as the north retook the city, but was unable to advance much farther due to a lack of supplies. The UNC and ROKA counterattacked and regained Seoul yet again in March 1951, but could not advance farther north. The forces were locked in a stalemate around

the 38th parallel.

Small battles flared in the last two years of the Korean War, but nothing changed the stalemate. The PVA and UNC faced many casualties and financial constraints, and the United States was experiencing political turmoil as protests called for an end to the war.

### PEACE DELAYED

It took three years for the Korean War to come to an end. In December 1950, the U.S. government started to discuss conditions for ending the war. Even though the many countries involved in the war were growing weary of fighting, Rhee, Syng-Man, president of the ROK, was against the armistice. He believed in a democratic and unified Korean Peninsula. North

Korean leader Kim, Il-Sung believed in a unified but communist North Korea.

The first armistice talks commenced July 10, 1951, in Kaesong, now a major city in North Korea. Discussion centered on many issues, such as the military demarcation line, oversight and the release of prisoners of war. The talks progressed slowly but resulted in agreements on most issues.

Negotiations came to a standstill in October 1962, however, when neither side could agree on the issue of POWs. The UNC held 150,000 POWs, and the communists held 100,000 POWs. The UNC insisted that POWs be allowed to go wherever they wanted, but North Korea wanted all of its own POWs.

With the death of Stalin in March

1953, armistice talks resumed and eventually resulted in an agreement on the issue of POWs. The armistice agreement was signed July 27, 1953, at 10 a.m., by Nam Il, delegate from the KPA and PVA, and Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., UNC delegate, at Panmunjom, where the Joint Security Area is located, calling for a “complete cessation of all hostilities in Korea by all armed forces.”

The armistice marked a truce to the war after three years, one month and two days of fighting, creating a 4-kilometer buffer zone between South and North Korea called the de-militarized zone.

### AFTERMATH

More than 2.5 million civilians were killed or wounded during the war. South Korea lost more than 130,000 of its military, while the U.S. lost about 35,000. Almost 2 million North Korean and Chinese soldiers were dead or injured. As of 2005, there were 700,000 South Koreans with relatives in the North.

One of the most important results of the war was the creation of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea signed Oct. 1, 1953. Article IV reads, “The Republic of Korea grants, and the United States of America accepts, the right to dispose United States land, air and sea forces in and about the territory of the Republic of Korea as determined by mutual agreement,” validating the presence of United States Forces in Korea.

Today the alliance is the power that defends the ROK from North Korea.

## Rotor Wash

“Students on Fort Rucker are back in school Wednesday. What are some ways to get children back in the swing of their school schedule?”



WOC Christopher Ryan,  
WOC

“We focus primarily on getting them back on a scheduled routine. During the summer they get to stay up later and play electronics more. About three weeks out from school we start getting their bedtime routine down.”



Sharon Grimes,  
military spouse

“Just start the kids early and get them prepared and back into their routine with their bedtimes.”



Todd Grimes,  
retired military

“I let the wife handle it.”



Stephanie Schisler,  
military family member

“Prepare ahead by making sure the kids have all their school supplies ready.”



W01, Dustin Sullivan,  
B Co., 1st Bn.,  
145th Avn. Regt.

“Get all of their snacks and prepackaged foods ready in their containers so they don’t have to eat the cafeteria food.”

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# OSJA reports on military justice actions

## Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

### Staff Report

Below are some Military Justice Actions from March-June.

#### COURTS-MARTIAL

- In March, at a general court-martial, a military panel found Sgt. 1st Class Quantrell L. Anderson guilty of one specification of maltreatment of subordinates, in violation of Article 93, Uniform Code of Military Justice; and one specification of sexual assault, in violation of Article 120, UCMJ. Anderson sent repeated unwanted text messages of a sexual nature to a private (E-2) and committed an unwanted sexual act upon her. He was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of private (E-1), to be confined for 30 months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.
- In June, at a special court-martial, a military panel found Sgt. 1st Class Julian J. Clark guilty of one specification of violating a lawful general regulation, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. Clark, an Army tainer, was tried for engaging in an intimate and personal relationship with a private (E-2) within the six months fol-

lowing her graduation from advanced individual training in violation of Army Directive 2016-17. Clark was sentenced to be reprimanded and reduced to sergeant.

#### SELECT REPRIMANDS

- In April, the commanding general permanently filed a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in a second lieutenant's official military personnel file for willfully and knowingly engaging in an adulterous relationship with the wife of one of his fellow classmates.
- In April, the CG filed a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in a specialist's local file for assault.
- In April, the CG permanently filed a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in a sergeant's official military personnel file for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- In May, the CG filed a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in a warrant officer 1's local file for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- In May, the CG permanently filed a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in a chief warrant officer 3's official military personnel file for driving under the influence of

alcohol.

- In June, the CG permanently filed a Memorandum of Reprimand in a warrant officer candidate's official military personnel file for committing online misconduct by sharing inappropriate and unprofessional material via social media.

#### SELECT NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

- At an Article 15 hearing in March, a private first class was found guilty of wrongful use of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to private (E-1), forfeiture of \$799 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty and 45 days restriction.
- At a General Officer Article 15 hearing in May, a chief warrant officer 2 was found guilty of one specification of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in violation of Article 133, UCMJ; and one specification of adultery, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was forfeiture of \$2,296 pay and a written reprimand.
- At an Article 15 hearing in May, a specialist was found guilty of violating a lawful or-

der, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to private first class (suspended), 10 days extra duty, 10 days restriction and an oral reprimand.

- At an Article 15 hearing in June, a private 2 was found guilty of disrespecting a non-commissioned officer, in violation of Article 91, UCMJ; violating two lawful orders, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ; larceny, in violation of Article 121, UCMJ; and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline in the armed forces, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to private (E-1), forfeiture of \$799 for two months (suspended), 20 days extra duty, 20 days restriction and an oral reprimand.
- At an Article 15 hearing in June, a specialist was found guilty of wrongful use of marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of Article 112(a), UCMJ. The punishment imposed was reduction to private (E-1), forfeiture of \$799 for two months (suspended), 45 days extra duty and an oral reprimand.

#### OFFICER ELIMINATIONS

- In May, a warrant officer 1

was retained by a board of inquiry. The elimination action was initiated due to wrongful use of a Schedule IV substance, driving under the influence of alcohol, and substantiated derogatory information filed in the WO1's Official Military Personnel File.

#### SELECT ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS

- In March, a specialist was discharged from the Army with an Honorable characterization of service for failing two consecutive record Army Physical Fitness Tests.
- In May, a private 2 was discharged from the Army with an Honorable characterization of service for failing two consecutive record Army Physical Fitness Tests.
- In June, a private first class was discharged from the Army with an Honorable characterization of service for failing two consecutive record Army Physical Fitness Tests.
- In June, a sergeant was discharged from the Army with a General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge characterization of service for wrongful use of a controlled substance.

## Army to begin fielding new modular handguns in November

By Joe Lacdan  
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. — Soldiers have many reasons to be excited about the new Sig Sauer modular handguns that the Army will begin fielding in November, said the product manager of Soldier Weapons.

Testing of the modular handgun system this spring by Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground resulted in overwhelmingly positive feedback, Lt. Col. Steven Power said, and 100-percent concurrence that the XM17 was an upgrade over the M9.

“That’s an uncommonly positive thing,” Power said, explaining that there’s typically some reluctance with any new system. “Typically even in our own households, when you’re buying a new car, there’s things that people like about the old car better than the new one.”

In this case, all of the Soldiers who tested the handgun said the MHS was more comfortable to shoot and they had better confidence with it, Power said.

The first new XM17 handguns are scheduled to be fielded to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in November.

The Army’s versions of the Sig Sauer P320, the XM17 and XM18, have different ammunition requirements than the commercial 320 pistol, and are painted a different color. The P320 was released for commercial use three years ago.



PHOTO BY LT. COL. BRIAN FICKEL

**A Soldier assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division fires an M9 pistol during the three-gun shoot competition Nov. 14 at Fort Stewart, Ga.**

Improved durability and adjustability over the M9, along with interchangeable grips that fit comfortably, are among the features Soldiers can look forward to with the new pistol, Power said.

The new handguns also have an external safety and self-illuminating sights for low-light conditions.

“A big reason why the modular handgun system is such a leap ahead in ergonomics is because of the modular hand

grips, instead of just making a one size fits all,” Power said. “The shooter will have a handgun that fits their hand properly which does a lot to improve accuracy – not only on the first shot but also on subsequent shots.”

Members of the 101st Airborne are scheduled to receive about 2,000 pistols in November. Eventually, the Army will distribute the weapons to all units over a 10-year period. From November 2017

until September 2018, the new handguns will be fielded at a different post each month, except for March and April of 2018, according to the current plan.

Power said troops from different military branches have already trained with the new handguns and tested them, but none have fielded the weapons yet. The new weapons have long been anticipated, as the M9 Beretta, first issued in 1986, is nearing the end of its serviceability.

“That’s pretty dated technology,” Power said of the M9. “The specific performance improvements from MHS over the M9 are in the area of accuracy, dispersion (and) ergonomics. And ergonomics isn’t just about the comfort of the shooter.”

A lot of the weapon’s accuracy can be attributed to ergonomics, Power said, adding that human factors engineering determines how well the weapon works in a shooter’s hand.

Sig Sauer earned the \$580 million contract to produce the weapons in January after winning the Army and Air Force’s XM17 Modular Handgun Competition. The Army will continue to use 9mm rounds, subcontracted to ammunition manufacturer Winchester. Power said the Army did not have a preference to remain with the 9mm rounds, but rather used a systems approach to determine ammunition type.

“There was no prejudice toward 9mm,” Power said. “The goal was to pick a system that best met our requirements.”

## News Briefs

#### Celebrity meet and greet

Mother Rucker’s will host a celebrity meet and greet Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. featuring boxing greats Evander Holyfield, world champion and Olympic boxer; along with Dwayne Ziegler, James “Spider” Web and Byron Mitchell from Team Alpha Boxing. The boxing legends will meet and greet, take photos and sign autographs. People can also enjoy half price on selected appetizers and other specials that evening, according to organizers. Mother Rucker’s is open to the general public, ages 18 and over.

For more information, call 255-9810.

#### Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and honor the post’s latest retirees.

#### Voting location change

For those from Dale County who have traditionally voted in local elections at the Fort Rucker Elementary School, the voting location has changed for the upcoming election cycle to the Corvias Building on Andrews Avenue near the Golf Course (old NCO Club building). The upcoming dates and times are:

- Aug. 15, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Sept. 26, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- Dec. 12, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Change of command

The Warrant Officer Career College will host a change of command ceremony Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Kelly Hines will assume command from Col. Garry Thompson.

#### Aviation Industry Day

Fort Rucker Aviation Industry Day is slated for Aug. 10-11 at The Landing. The two-day event will include an expo daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and more than 30 industry displays. The event offers the opportunity for Aviation industry representatives to interact with Soldiers and trainers, according to organizers. Attendees will also get a firsthand look as Aviation industry representatives showcase new equipment, services provided, simulators and discuss the latest in Aviation technology. The expo display area is open free of charge to the Fort Rucker community. Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians are welcome to attend the expo.

For additional details, call 255-9446.

#### Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

#### Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

#### School physicals

To ensure the highest continuity of care possible, while providing timely access for patients requiring a school physical, Lyster Army Health Clinic encourages beneficiaries to schedule school physical appointments as soon as possible from now until Sunday. Parents should make sure to bring any required documentation to the appointment, with the patient portion filled out completely. The appointment will be for the school physical only. Any other issues will need to be addressed with your primary care clinician. Call the appointment line at 1-800-261-7193-7193.

#### Immunizations for school enrollment

Lyster Army Health Clinic officials said that in addition to infant immunizations, school-aged children are recommended to receive the following immunizations:

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella age 4-6;
- Polio age 4-6;
- Varicella (chicken pox) second dose age 4-6;

- Human Papilloma Virus age 11 and older;
- Meningococcal age 11-12 and again at age 16; and
- Tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough every 10 years.

People are welcome to talk to their provider about childhood immunizations. Alabama Immunization Records (Blue Cards) are available at the immunizations department.

#### Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety’s lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest – the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

#### Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office closes at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The DMPO’s office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.



# NEW COMMAND

*New in-flight mission command creates a more agile, lethal Army*

By Amy Walker

Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — During a recent joint forcible entry training mission, the Army's Global Response Force successfully used Enroute Mission Command to enable real-time joint intelligence, communications and collaboration capabilities as they flew cross country to battle simulated enemy forces.

EMC delivers critical in-flight mission command, plane-to-plane and plane-to-ground network communications and situational awareness onboard the aircraft, so commanders can continue planning en route and their paratroopers are well prepared to jump into potentially hostile territory.

"EMC provides commanders with an enhanced degree of flexibility to be able to plan, adjust and communicate with all the departments that interoperate [in a JFE mission]," said Lt. Col. Lee Adams, commander for the 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, which supports the GRF with EMC.

With EMC, "they can plan and have an enhanced situational awareness all the way up to the objective, so they can have the right level of combat power at the right place at the right time," Adams explained.

The GRF of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps is required to rapidly respond to any threat worldwide with little or no notice. EMC leverages technologies similar to those used by today's commercial airlines to provide in-flight network access, enabling the GRF to access secure and reliable voice, video and data communications provided by the Army's Tactical Network while onboard an Air Force C17 aircraft.

EMC also enables mission command capabilities, such as Command Post of the Future, which provides a common operational picture and collaboration capabilities. Another capability is the Joint Automated Deep Operations Coordination System, a unified targeting solution that coordinates joint and coalition fires.

The 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion Soldiers operating EMC can also extend the same en route communications, enhanced situational awareness and planning capabilities to other aircraft that are flying out to the mission, so that all forces are synchronized.

"EMC provides an expeditionary command post capability in flight, so the GRF can retain the same level of situational awareness and collaborative communications they have on the ground, in the air, without skipping a beat," said Lt. Col. Mark Henderson, product manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 1, which manages EMC for the Army. WIN-T itself is assigned to the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical.

"EMC will enable these critical early entry forces to be better prepared and to adjust their courses of action as needed prior to combating peer and near-peer adversaries on the ground," Henderson added.

The EMC tool suite also includes large LED screens that can be mounted throughout the aircraft, so paratroopers can see unmanned aerial vehicle feeds or receive visual updates from the commander before they jump into potentially dangerous drop zones, sometimes in the middle of the night.

"EMC increases their confidence," Adams said. "They understand the mission on the ground and know in near real-time what is happening."

During the GRF JFE training mission in May, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division flew in an Air Force C17 aircraft for six hours, from Fort Bragg to a designated drop zone in New Mexico. EMC enabled the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division commander



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Enroute Mission Command delivers critical in-flight mission command, plane-to-plane and plane-to-ground network communications and situational awareness onboard the aircraft, so commanders can continue planning en route and their paratroopers are well prepared to jump into often hostile drop zones.

to keep ahead of changing battle conditions en-route. It provided an enhanced degree of operational flexibility, enabling him to communicate, plan, and adjust with all the joint elements interoperating in the rear, in the air, and forward on the ground, said 2nd Lt. Zachary Jacobson, 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion EMC officer in charge, who supported the training mission.

With EMC, the commander, subordinate commanders and his staff could "see everything first hand with their own eyes as it developed, which gave them the ability to be adaptive in response to and in accordance to the situation," Jacobson said. "They were getting real-time information, so by the time they jumped out, they had a pretty good expectation [of what was waiting for them on the ground]."

Along with situational awareness and planning capabilities, successful JFE early entry operations also require interagency communications between multiple defense elements including the Army, the Air Force, and Special Operations Command, whose smaller elements are often first on the ground. Various joint operations commands also helped to coordinate the joint elements during U.S. missions, Jacobson said.

Jacobson said that EMC provided three primary communication and collaboration services: the ability to reach back to the JOC for continual situational awareness and updates on developing situations, the ability for the JOC to reach forward to the battlefield commander on the plane, and communications between aircraft involved in the JFE.

"EMC provided unity of command," Jacobson said.

The initial operational capability of EMC has been fielded since May 2015, and the Army is preparing to field the system's full operational capability. The 82nd Airborne Division also utilized EMC during an Airborne Review at the unit's annual homecoming event at the end of May, where it utilized the capability to coordinate a drop of both heavy equipment and paratroopers at Fort Bragg's Sicily Drop Zone.

The system's full operational capability will significantly increase the number of planes outfitted with EMC's Fixed Installed Satellite Antennas. Once the FISA is integrated onto the C17 aircraft, Soldiers merely roll-on the other EMC equipment, and roll it off at the end of the mission. The full operational capability increases bandwidth and increases reliability of plane-to-plane communications.



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During a joint forcible entry training mission, the Army's Global Response Force successfully used Enroute Mission Command to enable real-time joint intelligence, communications and collaboration capabilities as it flew cross country to battle enemy forces in May.

It also provides a large Command And Staff Palletized Airborne Node workstation designed for collaboration supporting mission command operations, in addition to the individual workstations found in the previous capability, said Capt. Dawn Wyant, Project Manager WIN-T EMC project lead.

"With the full operational capability, we can have a global impact in multiple locations at the same time," Wyant said.

The first of the new C-17 FISA integrations was completed in May, and currently there are three integration speed lines run-

ning simultaneously, with the final aircraft upgrade scheduled for the fall. Upon completion, the fleet of mission capable C-17 FISA-equipped aircraft will be available to support the GRF on-demand.

"Communication is key across the spectrum [of operations], so being in the air should not be any different," said CW2 Kenneth Grant, information systems technician for the 50th Expeditionary Signal Battalion. "Having that access to be able to communicate in the sky and on the ground makes us that much more agile and that much more dangerous."

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In support of Global Response Force missions, this Air Force C-17 aircraft is being integrated with the Army's Enroute Mission Command Fixed Installed Satellite Antenna at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, May 12.

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# ‘Eyes in space,’ more powerful lasers to enhance Army’s arsenal

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — It’s been a “dynamic year” for Army space and missile defense, with a multi-domain task force being formed, a new nanosatellite set to launch soon and more powerful laser weapons in the works, said the commander of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense.

Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson spoke at the Association of the United States Army’s Institute of Land Warfare’s breakfast July 18 about “The Integration of Space and Missile Defense in the Multi-Domain Environment.”

**KESTREL EYE IN SPACE**

Kestrel Eye is an electro-optical nanosatellite being developed by the command. It will improve mission command on the move for a brigade combat team to allow tactical leaders to synchronize action, seize the initiative and maintain near-real-time situational awareness, Dickinson said.

KE is an improvement over older methods because it will provide satellite imagery without the need for U.S.-based relays, he noted.

The nanosatellite is due to launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, “very soon” as part of the International Space Station cargo resupply mission, he said. Once aboard the ISS, the crew will deploy this small satellite into its orbit. When it is a safe distance from the ISS, the satellite will automatically power up and be ready to receive signals.

A series of tactical exercises will measure the effectiveness of this satellites, he said.

**MULTI-DOMAIN TASK FORCE**

USASMD/ARSTRAT, in coordination with the U.S. Army Capabilities Integration Center, is leading an effort to develop a multi-domain task force that will address threats in the multi-domain environment, Dickinson said.

The task force will integrate space effects at the tactical level to support maneuver elements of the operational Army, he said. They will be dispersed, very agile, lethal and networked.

Currently, USASMD/ARSTRAT provides satellite support and missile warning to the task force. Future requirements will dictate innovative and creative solutions and new technologies will be incorporated, he said.

The task force is currently in the growth phase, and Dickinson mentioned that the chief of staff of the Army said it will have around 1,500 Soldiers when it reaches full strength.

**LASERS GET MORE POWER**

There is a lot of congressional and Department of Defense interest in high-energy laser weapons, Dickinson noted.

The command participates in maneuver fires integration experiments with the Stryker-based mobile experimental 5-kilowatt laser, he said. The advantage with this type of laser is that engineers are not required to operate it, so Soldiers can be trained quickly.

Demonstrations and data collection took place at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, Eglin Air Force Base in Florida and Redstone Test Center in



ARMY PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

**Kestrel Eye is an electro-optical, nanosatellite being developed by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. It will improve mission command on the move for a brigade combat team to allow tactical leaders to synchronize action, seize the initiative and maintain near-real-time situational awareness.**

Alabama. Results thus far indicate that these lasers have capabilities to destroy small-caliber mortars, shoot down tactical unmanned aircraft systems of varying weights and sizes, and destroy targets of various materiel.

Soldiers in the Stryker vehicle were able to take out UAS, after just two weeks of training, Dickinson said.

A specialist who took out a UAS as part of the training remarked, “I’m really excited to be part of a historic event. I’m really excited to see the Army working on the next generation of [lasers] so we can maintain our cutting edge,” Dickinson related.

There’s also a 10 kW laser that has been highly successful in testing, he added.

In fiscal year 2018, the Army will begin testing a 50 kW laser, which will be a key component of a system known as the High-Energy Laser Tactical Vehicle Demonstrator. These advanced-laser systems can be integrated into a more rugged and mobile platform compatible with the Army’s Battle Management Network, he explained.

By 2022, he noted that the Army hopes to test a 100 kW laser, adding that an incremental approach in power is part of the experimental design so that results can inform the next level of power increase.

The Army is also in the planning stages for a high-energy center of excellence at Redstone Arsenal, he said.

Bigger lasers have the advantages of greater range, more power and therefore greater lethality and better beam control. Therefore, helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft can potentially be targeted, according to Dickinson.

**NIMBLE TITAN EXPERIMENTS**

The Nimble Titan missile defense experimentation campaign “continues to expand in scope, size and influence,” said Dickinson, whose command, the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, leads the program. NIMBLE TITAN is a series of multinational, integrated air and missile

defense experiments.

In September 2018, NATO will host a Nimble Titan 18 senior leader forum. The forum will be an opportunity to highlight the benefits Nimble Titan provides, he said.

NATO recently expanded its focus from purely ballistic missile defense to integrated air and missile defense. From a U.S. national security perspective, “it’s clearly in our best interest to encourage international policy and collaboration and military dialog ... to defend mutually important assets,” he said.

**EMERGING THREATS**

A recent National Air and Space Intelligence Center report stated that China and

Iran, along with North Korea, have been developing new, medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles, many of which are capable of being armed with non-conventional warheads, Dickinson said.

“Our adversaries continue to test and develop their space and missile defense capabilities,” he said. North Korea test-launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile July 4, for example. “These activities increasingly place the U.S. and its allies at risk as their capacities grow, and the consequences are grave,” he said, highlighting the need for continued U.S. development and research in missile programs.

USASMD/ARSTRAT “is poised to deter, defend and defeat these threats,” he said.

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# SPECIAL OPS

*Commander reiterates relevancy of capabilities around the world*

By Jim Garamone  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Special operations forces are relevant to most operations the U.S. military is involved with and are a good return on the investment, the commander of U.S. Special Operations Command said at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado on Friday.

Fox News reporter Catherine Herridge interviewed Gen. Raymond A. Thomas III for the forum, and he used the occasion to debunk some myths about the command, which is based at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

“We are not the world’s cop, we are not a panacea, we don’t do anything by ourselves and we aren’t doing things that aren’t highly supervised, there [are] no off-the-reservation activities,” Thomas said.

But special operations forces have been at the heart of most operations against violent extremism, he said, and have been key to turning the tide against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria and al-Qaida wherever these groups raise the ugly heads.

“We are relevant to most if not all the national security challenges,” the general said.

The command consumes about two percent of the DOD budget and has about two percent of the personnel in the department. Some 8,000 members of special operations forces are in 80 countries around the world.

The question Thomas gets asked most often — and Herridge asked a version of it — is whether special operations forces are being overused or overextended? “We are actively trying to work our way out of a job, whether that be in Afghanistan or against ISIS,” he said.

In Afghanistan, the general said, “We’re anxious to finish there. We’re anxious to win.”

## NOT THE TIME TO RELAX

SOCOM continues to work with indigenous forces, proxies, allies and conventional U.S. forces to leverage special operations capabilities.

Thomas stressed that while the force continues to experience success in its missions, it must continue to put pressure on enemy forces. While the killing of Osama bin Laden in a 2011 operation was a long-sought success, he emphasized that “If you don’t dismantle the whole network — if you don’t address the ideology — you’ve just killed one guy.”

The territory that ISIS controls is shrinking by the day, and Syrian and Democratic Forces are closing on Raqqa, the so-called capital of the ISIS caliphate. Thomas said he does not know if ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is alive, but if he is not dead, then “there is not a safe place for him on this Earth. We absolutely dismantled his network; everyone who worked for him initially is dead or gone. Everyone who stepped to the plate following [him] — dead or gone. Down through a network where we have killed, at



PHOTO BY NAVY SEAMAN RICHARD MILLER

Then-Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Thomas III participates in a riverine demonstration with members of Special Boat Team 22 at the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School in Mississippi, March 12, 2015. Thomas now commands U.S. Special Operations Command.

a conservative estimate, 60,000 of his followers — his army.”

Baghdadi declared the caliphate and placed his army on the battlefield, “and we went to war with it,” the general said.

Mosul has been liberated, but it is still “dicey” in the old city, he reported. There are still pockets of ISIS fighters in Tal Afar and in western Iraq. “We are pursuing these people as hard as we can to affect the physical aspect of the caliphate while we deal with the harder part -- the ideological basis of it.”

## COORDINATING AUTHORITY

SOCOM is the DOD coordinating authority for transregional terrorism and has been for nearly two years, the general said. “This was a role and process that didn’t exist. It tied together our disparate DOD efforts.”

Previously, Gen. Joe Votel would handle special operations in the Central Command region, and Marine Corps Gen. Thomas Waldhauser would handle Africa Command, while Navy Adm. Harry Harris would handle Pacific Command. “They were good, focused activities but without any synchronization at the DOD level,” Thomas said. “We were thrust into that role.”

He commented that the change enables the command “to agitate or drive an assessment at the senior DOD level of what are we trying to do, how well are we doing it, and what do we need to change in terms of strategy and resourcing.”

Previously, the only person in the department who could do such a thing was the defense secretary.

He said his mission objectives from Defense Secretary Jim Mattis have changed. “It used to be ‘Defeat ISIS,’” he said. “It is now, ‘Annihilate ISIS.’ [Mattis] put a non-doctrinal term out there



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Thomas salutes after placing a wreath on a memorial in remembrance of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps Day April 25 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

to amp up the volume a bit, and we all got the message.”

Thomas wants SOCOM to be more agile and more networked.

The command has its eyes on Iran and that country’s stated goal of building a Shia crescent through Iraq and Syria into Lebanon. Iranian officials are all throughout that area now, the general said, adding that they bear special attention.

ISIS is trying to export its “brand” through the world and they seized on Libya as a failed state, which, with its gap in governance, could serve as a foothold for the terrorist organization in the region. In fact, ISIS leaders declared Libya a province in the caliphate, he said, and at its high-water mark in the country had around 2,000 fighters in and around the seaside city of Sirte. “They don’t exist anymore,” Thomas noted.

Special operations forces worked through proxies and surrogates to eliminate the ISIS threat in that area, he said. Still, the general noted that Libya is another place that bears watching as some of the fighters escaped to southern Libya and are looking for a time and place to return.

The command is also invested in deterring Russia, and there are special operations forces working with all the nations bordering Russia, Thomas said. “The people [of those nations] enjoy their freedom and want to keep it,” he added.

## KOREA

Herridge asked about the command’s work on the Korean Peninsula. Thomas objected to the argument that there is no military option against North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as he continues to build a nuclear weapons

and the means to deliver them. “There is always a military option,” he said. “That’s why you pay \$600 billion a year. It is an ugly, ugly option, but you cannot play elements of power and then discount that there is no option.

“People say that Kim Jong Un can only put a warhead the size of the Hiroshima bomb on a missile,” he continued. “That’s not comforting to me. Everything I am hearing ... is that he and the regime are inextricably tied to their nuclear program.”

For the future, the general wants SOCOM to be able to give decision makers more options to choose from when a crisis develops. “My biggest concern is the need to transform,” Thomas said, but he is positive that SOCOM is on a trajectory to become masters at “seeing threats, seeing opportunities [and] applying our special capabilities.”

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# GENERAL:

## Army networks must be as intuitive as smartphones

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When consumers purchase smartphones, they don't come with bulky instruction manuals, said the principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

There's a reason for that, said Lt. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski. Smartphones are designed to be used intuitively.

Besides being intuitive, smartphones can be used across states and even across the world without having to be adjusted for location, he said.

Army networks still have a ways to go before they are as easy to use in an expeditionary manner as smartphones, he said.

Ostrowski spoke Thursday at the Association of the United States Army's Hot Topics seminar on "Army Networks."

Besides being intuitive and expeditionary, the network must be secure and must be able to be integrated with each of the services as well as with coalition partners, he said.

Additionally, networks must be maintained and operated by Soldiers on the battlefield, he added.

In the future fight, the Army will not have the luxury of field

service representatives running around the battlefield, he said.

Brig. Gen. Joseph "JP" McGee, deputy commander for Operations, U.S. Army Cyber Command, said another goal for the future network is to simply identify and catalog everything that's attached to it, from computers to printers.

This Internet of things needs to be made as invulnerable as possible. McGee added that there are still a number of weaknesses to be addressed, but he declined to go into detail on any of them due to operational security.

### NETWORKS NEED STEM EXPERTISE

Air Force Maj. Gen. Burke "Ed" Wilson, deputy principal cyber adviser to the secretary of Defense and senior military adviser for cyber, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, said that on a national level, more science, technology, engineering and math needs to be taught to children at younger ages, even in elementary school.

Having a good base of STEM knowledge, he said, is important to the military's accessions mission.

He added that he thinks the services are doing a surprisingly good job at recruiting and retain-



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ing this talent.

Gary Wang, acting Army chief information officer, G-6, said that those who defend the networks need to have more blended training.

By blended, he explained getting Soldiers in electronic warfare, intelligence, information technology and other specialties trained together to operate effectively together instead of being stove-piped. That approach is now being applied throughout the Army, he said.

Wang added that the pace of hostile cyberattacks has accelerated recently. Instead of single viruses, hackers have devised

"a mashup of viruses" that offer more sophisticated attacks.

### TAPPING INDUSTRY FOR SOLUTIONS

To counter these threats, Wang said the Army will need to tap industry to automate responses to cyberattacks using cognitive networks, artificial intelligence, neural networks, pattern recognition, automation and big data.

Brig. Gen. Maria B. Barrett, deputy director of Current Operations, J-3, U.S. Cyber Command, said the Army is tapping into industry solutions through participation in the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental.

DIUx has military representatives in Silicon Valley, California, and other high-tech centers in the U.S., to stay abreast of innovative technologies that can be applied to network protection.

Maj. Gen. Garrett S. Yee, military deputy/Cyber Security Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6, said that additionally, Fort Gordon, Georgia, hosted a Cyber Quest last month, in which 27 industries showed interests in providing the latest technologies in cyber and electronic warfare.

Cyber Quest is a cyber/electronic warfare experimentation and collaboration between Soldiers, industry and Army researchers together. Yee predicted that more industries will show interest in future Cyber Quests.

Ostrowski said that the Army is investing a lot of money in cybersecurity. It's currently second in dollars spent after Aviation.

The Army has also been reaching out to numerous industry partners and will soon have a second roundtable discussion with them. All ideas are welcome from industry, he added. "This is a call to action. Failure is unacceptable.

"If we fail to achieve that vision of the network, we fail as a nation," Ostrowski said. "This is serious stuff. We have to get on with next-generation capability."

## Leaders say network communications across coalition vital

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Joint and coalition partners must train together on the use of their military communications networks whenever possible to build familiarity and to identify incompatibilities well in advance of when those networks will be needed during actual conflict, said Maj. Gen. Mitchell L. Kilgo.

Kilgo, who serves as director of J-6 within U.S. Central Command, spoke during a July 20 Association of the United States Army-sponsored forum on Army networks.

When conflicts arise, there will not be time to find solutions to the incompatibilities between partner-nation communications networks, Kilgo said. "There will already be enough turbulence coming into theater."

Military communications networks used by both U.S. forces and partner nations allow commanders to issue orders to their subordinates and in turn allow those subordinates to relay the situation on the ground back up to their leadership. Those same



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division trains with United Kingdom soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas, during a Network Integration Evaluation.

networks also allow partner nations to relay critical information to each other.

But the communications networks of partner-nation militaries are often developed independently of each other and may not be compatible.

Maj. Gen. Peter A. Gallagher, director of architecture, operations, networks, and space within the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6, said that network

communications hardware and software isn't always compatible with the U.S. or even with NATO.

Some nations, he said, procure their own radios and other equipment on their own, not through foreign military sales. This creates a communications gap.

Rear Adm. Danelle Barrett, who serves as both the director of the Navy's Cyber Security Division, as well as deputy to the

Navy's chief information officer, said network interconnectivity is a joint and coalition imperative because threats can come "fast and furious," and delays in communications can disrupt the battle rhythm.

Barrett recommended that during training exercises, commanders should identify "no-fail missions" and then rehearse executing those missions.

Part of that joint and coalition

training should include simulating an enemy attack on the network that disables it for some time, she said, and determine what effects that may have on those no-fail missions and what workarounds are feasible.

With connectivity down, she said, commanders can identify what impacts there will be not just on command and control, but on such things as medical and logistics support as well.

## School

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hours of 7-8 a.m., said Dumais. Additionally, during those hours many Soldiers are finishing up their morning physical training and utilizing Andrews Avenue as they leave the installation.

For those reasons, Dumais said, it's best for school traffic to try and avoid using Andrews Avenue to avoid congestion at the traffic light on the corner of Andrews and Dustoff. Also, if people aren't required to be in the area during those morning hours, they should avoid the area if possible, he added.

Although children will not be walking or riding bicycles to the new site, the area will be designated a school zone and motorists should obey all traffic signs and laws, and slow down accordingly, said the police chief.

"Nobody likes change, but this change is necessary," he

said. "This school is going to be in place for a couple years, so the traffic patterns that we see coming in August we will see for a couple of years.

"Our biggest challenge is going to be the throughput of cars, and we will have ample patrol vehicles out there that morning to make sure the traffic flows smoothly, but we ask that if people can avoid the area, then please do, and definitely slow their speeds down when they're approaching the area," he added. "It's going to be a learning process for us all."

In addition to preparing for the new traffic patterns, Gilmer said parents should prepare their children for the new school year by adjusting their sleeping patterns, as well.

"Have the kids turn in a little earlier prior to school, so that they won't have that drag or shock when they get up early for school," she said. "Then they can strap on those

wonderful attitudes and get ready for a great year of learning and growing together."

Parents can also get the chance to meet teachers, tour the new temporary facility and ask any questions during the school's Sneak-A-Peek today from 3-4 p.m. for the elementary school at The Village, and 4:15-5:15 p.m. for the primary school at Fort Rucker Primary School.

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## Heat

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If the animal's body temperature is 104 degrees or higher, start the cooling process by placing water-soaked towels on the animal's head, neck and chest. The initial cooling process must stop after the first 10-15 minutes, if not, the animal's body temperature could drop dangerously low.

Owners should take pets to the nearest veterinary hospital immediately, even if they are able to decrease the animal's body temperature. The potential consequences of heat stroke may not become apparent in your pet until hours or days later.

Peggy Contreras, Department of Public Community Police Supervisor, reminds people that neglecting a pet

by leaving it chained up or confined in the heat without proper water is a violation of Fort Rucker Regulation 40-16. She encourages anyone with pets to consider the heat and follow appropriate guidelines.

For more information or to report suspected animal neglect, contact Fort Rucker Community Police at 255-2222.



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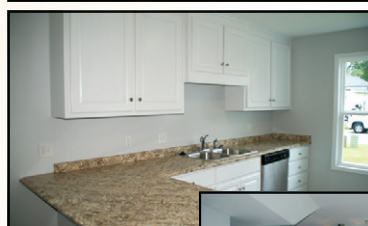
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# AUTOMATION

Concept demonstration explores robotic aviation refueling system

By Nikki Ficken  
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL — Could a robotic, unmanned refueling system limit rotary-wing aircraft time on the ground and remove Soldiers from isolated fueling stations?

A Limited Initial Capabilities Demonstration was performed by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center to test that theory.

The demonstration unveiled a new science and technology effort designed by the center’s Aviation Development Directorate and Operational Energy Lab called Autonomous and Robotic Remote Refueling Point. The event presented stakeholders with a potential material set of solutions, proof of concept, and demonstrated the technical feasibility of an autonomous robot refueling operation.

The project’s goal is to enable Army Aviation manned rotary-wing aircraft to address current and emerging range and endurance requirements, as well as refueling challenges created by the non-contiguous battlefield. By using self-aligning robotics, articulated arms and sensors, the system would support a Quick Hook-Up, ultimately reducing the aircraft’s time on the ground. The robotic, unmanned system would also increase safety by removing Soldiers from the fueling station – a location that could put them at risk of enemy targeting.

“One of the most useful activities of the S&T enterprise is to conduct concept demonstrations like the AR3P,” said Layne Merritt AMRDEC’s chief engineer for Aviation Development. “For relatively little investment, we can demonstrate the technical viability of a new concept like unmanned or



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The AR3P concept uses an isolated FARP approach which seeks to provide an autonomous, unmanned refueling capability using existing technologies.

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## FUELING THE FIGHT



PHOTO BY SGT. CHRISTOPHER BIGELOW

UH-60 Black Hawks deliver munitions to Army paratroopers at Forward Operating Base Shalalat, Iraq, July 6, for use in the fight against ISIS.

# SYNCING UP

10th CAB teams with Bulgarian air force for search, rescue training

By Spc. Thomas Scaggs  
10th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

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A UH-60 Black Hawk flies with an Mi-24 Hind from the Bulgarian air force during Saber Guardian 17.

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An AS532 Cougar helicopter from the Bulgarian air force picks up service members during combat search and rescue training in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, July 11 as a UH-60 Black Hawk from the 10th CAB and an Mi-24 Hind helicopter from the Bulgarian air force circle for security.

# SERE

101st Airborne Soldiers train with Air Force on lifesaving water ops

By Sgt. Marcus Floyd  
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SERE training is designed to help military personnel survive if isolated in a water crash incident. For many of the students, it was their first time participating in overwater training.

“Our students are a mix of pilots and aircrew, basically anyone who flies on a plane and has the potential to go down over water needs to come to this course to know what to do just in case that happens,” said Senior Airman Collin Belanger, SERE instructor. “We ... run them through a couple of things – getting out of the aircraft, getting to the life raft, signaling for recovery and how to actually get recovered – that’s where the helicopter comes in.”

Although the training can be conducted without a helicopter, Belanger said that the presence of one helps make the training feel real to the students and familiarizes them with the process of an actual rescue.

“[The] majority of the time it’s going to be a helicopter rescue, so having the students being able to get on the hoist and really feel what it’s like is good so it doesn’t come down to them doing it for the first time ever in a real life event,” Belanger said.

In addition to familiarizing students with using the hoist, the Army-provided helicopter helps to simulate

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PHOTO BY SGT. MARCUS FLOYD

Sgt. Blake Armstrong, a flight medic with C Co., 6-101st Avn. Regt., 101st CAB, conducts over-water training with Airmen June 29 near Scott Air Force Base, Ill.



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# Refueling

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unattended Forward Area Refueling Point operations and at the same time identify possible challenges and considerations that would need to be addressed in a full S&T or acquisition program.”

The AR3P concept uses an isolated FARP approach which seeks to provide an autonomous, unmanned refueling capability using existing technologies.

These technologies include Aviation ground support equipment, sensors, energy efficient sustainment equipment, aircraft components with minor modifications, and aircraft refueling interfaces and equipment.

A majority of the robotic package comes from commercial off-the-shelf materials, but the fuel port system is an AMRDEC-designed solution. Use of additive manufacturing assisted in the rapid

prototyping of this S&T project.

Merritt explained examples of technical challenges include size, weight, power, robotic control, detectability and durability.

“It makes sense for us to fill this need,” said AR3P Project Lead, Will Nikonchuk. “We address target acquisition and engagement all of the time as the aviation and missile research and development community. That is what AR3P does.”

Nikonchuk reported at the demonstration that the project is currently addressing technical risk areas in Phase 2 and hopes to establish a framework for future funding. Phase 3 includes aircraft modification and flight testing of a Mosquito Test aircraft, while Phase 4, the final phase, will feature a flight test of an Apache AH-64 at the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

# SERE

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the kind of environment the students would be in if this were a real-life situation, Armstrong said.

“A helicopter in this situation helps to make the training more realistic – whether it be the Army or the Coast Guard they’re going to have the loud noises, rotary wash and a lot more moving parts,” Armstrong said.

The overwater training helped the Army helicopter crew gain and hone new skills, as well.

“This helps create new challenges for medics who may have only done this training on the ground,” Armstrong said. “Doing the training out in the open water changes a lot of factors and ultimately creates a mental boost in the training for us.”



PHOTO BY SGT. MARCUS FLOYD

Armstrong signals to the UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief during the training.

# Rescue

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ed in a water crash incident. For many of the students, it was their first time participating in overwater training.

“Our students are a mix of pilots and aircrew, basically anyone who flies on a plane and has the potential to go down over water needs to come to this course to know what to do just in case that happens,” said Senior Airman Collin Belanger, SERE instructor. “We ... run them through a couple of things – get-

ting out of the aircraft, getting to the life raft, signaling for recovery and how to actually get recovered – that’s where the helicopter comes in.”

Although the training can be conducted without a helicopter, Belanger said that the presence of one helps make the training feel real to the students and familiarizes them with the process of an actual rescue.

“[The] majority of the time it’s going to be a helicopter rescue, so having the students being able to get on the hoist

and really feel what it’s like is good so it doesn’t come down to them doing it for the first time ever in a real life event,” Belanger said.


In addition to familiarizing students with using the hoist, the Army-provided helicopter helps to simulate the kind of environment the students would be in if this were a real-life situation, Armstrong said.

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# CRACK THE CASE

## Students use science to solve ‘whodunit’

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

There was foul play afoot at the Fort Rucker Primary School, and students were working hard to crack the case.

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratories hosted its final week of the Gains in Education of Mathematics and Science program where students got the chance to test their sleuthing skills with the forensics module July 20.

The forensics module had the students trying to solve a crime by utilizing forensic techniques, such as fingerprinting, testing chemical reactions and taking a closer look by observing objects through a microscope, and for Judah Zaragoza, seventh grade participant, the day’s events were right up his alley.

“This morning we got to learn about DNA – what it is, how it works and how it helps forensic analysts,” said the 12-year-old GEMS student. “My favorite part has been fingerprinting. We got to use the fingerprint dust and check for the fingerprints [on a glass]. We also got to check chemical reactions between super glue and a saturated cotton ball.”

Zaragoza, who said he wants to be an entomologist, said he found the lessons interesting because these types of experiments are things that he feels is common knowledge when it comes to forensic science, but not something that many get to practice.

“I think it’s something that we’ve all heard of, so it’s kind of cool to actually see that it works,” he said. “I love science and math

– they’re my favorite subjects in school. I also just love to make things and take things apart.”

Fellow GEMS student Mia Maund said fingerprinting was also her favorite part of the program because she wants to either be a teacher or forensic analyst when she grows up.

“I love science and I love making things,” she said. “I watch a lot of crime shows, and they’re always talking about fingerprinting and stuff like that, so I really liked it a lot.”

Throughout the program, the students had to work together in order to try to solve the crime using the various techniques they learned, but the lessons weren’t just about testing their forensic knowledge, but seeing how well they were able to work as a team.

Liam Edens, GEMS mentor, said the team dynamic is an essential part of the children’s lessons that they’ll be able to use in any work or social setting.

“Interaction in a team setting just about anywhere is going to help you in any major, regardless of what you’re studying,” he said. “Working in a team is a real-life application. You’re going to have to work in a team in your real life, so you might as well start really early.”

Edens, currently studying kinesiology in his senior year at Auburn University, is no stranger to the GEMS program, having mentored with the program many times in years past.

“It’s a great experience for not only myself, but for the kids,” he said. “Seeing them interact and open up slowly is just a lot of fun.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Ella Baughn, GEMS student, peers through a microscope during the forensics module of the GEMS program at the Fort Rucker Primary School July 20.



Faith Loyless and McKenzie Smith, GEMS students, work together as they test a glass for fingerprints during the forensics module.

It gives them the chance to do things that they normally aren’t able to do in school.”

It’s also a good opportunity for mentors to learn from the students,

he added.

“I’m a pretty firm believer that just because someone is younger than you doesn’t mean you can’t learn anything from them,” he

said. “You learn something from each of the kids and you get little tidbits of information from each of the children, and you come back with a multitude of facts.”

# Chaplains serve as ‘advocates for all Soldiers’

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

With more than 240 years in service, the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps is just as established as the Army itself and, like the Army, it exists to serve a purpose greater than self.

The corps will celebrate its 242nd birthday Saturday, but Fort Rucker will host a celebration with a barbeque at the Spiritual Life Center Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. where people can come out to enjoy food, fun and fellowship, said Chaplain (Col.) Dean Bonura, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker garrison chaplain.

“We’re doing this for the community, so we’re inviting the Soldiers and families, as well as our command teams and congregations,” he said. “The chaplains will be doing the cooking, the cleaning, the setup and the teardown.”

The event will be a good opportunity for people to become familiar with the chaplaincy on Fort Rucker if they aren’t already, and learn a bit about the corps and the purpose they serve, he added.

“We’ve been around a long time and the role of the chaplaincy is pretty simple – to provide for the free exercise of religion, and also to serve as an adviser to the command in terms of religion, ethics, morals and morale,” said Bonura. “There is a lot of functionality to the chaplaincy. The chaplaincy has been known to nurture the living, care for the wounded and honor the fallen. That’s been the mantra, and we do that – we take those functions very seriously.”

There are 1,459 chaplains serving in the U.S. Army, representing six of the world’s



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Chaplain (Col.) Dean Bonura, USAACE and Fort Rucker garrison chaplain, leads the National Day of Prayer service at the Headquarters Chapel last year.

major religions, including Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu, said the garrison chaplain. Since 1775, about 25,000 Army chaplains have served as religious and spiritual leaders for more than 25 million Soldiers and families, and Army chaplains have served in more than 270 major wars and combat engagements.

The chaplaincy provides programs and events on post throughout the year to serve Soldiers and their family members, including through events like vacation Bible school for children, church services, prayer breakfasts, and counseling for Soldiers and families, he added.

“Of course we do post-wide programs, which there are about 30 of those we do throughout the year,” said Bonura. “We host

a lot of services around the holidays in November and December, as well as March and April.

“At the same time, we’re cognizant of what we call low-density faith groups, including the Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu faiths,” he said. “And we want to be able to support the smaller groups (as well). At the end of the day, we want to take care of all of our Soldiers and family members.”

Although there is no official military religion, each chaplain represents his or her own faith group, and all work cooperatively to provide for free exercise of that religion and to even be responsive to those who don’t identify with a religion, said the garrison chaplain.

“Chaplains are a sounding board for any-

one who has any moral, ethical or religious issue, even if they may not be religious people,” he said. “Some people out there may feel disenfranchised or marginalized, but we want to be supportive of them. We are religious advisers, but on the other side of the coin we’re advocates for all Soldiers.”

By providing that level of support, the chaplaincy is able to provide Soldiers and family members with the resiliency they need to be able to combat tough situations that can accompany military life, such as moves, deployments and other daily stressors. Spiritual resiliency, whether a person is religious or not, can have a big impact in overall resiliency, said Bonura.

“I think that we all as individuals have a spirituality. Spirituality can be expressed in many different ways – positively and negatively. It doesn’t necessarily correspond with religion, which is a component of spirituality,” he said. “We are, as chaplains, spiritual advisers, but more specifically we’re religious advisers. I believe that if we can nurture spirituality, then we can fundamentally nurture human resiliency.”

Those who have some sort of spirituality, whether that sits in a belief in God or not, tend to be more resilient, said Bonura. That resiliency helps people bounce back from difficult times, and even grow from their experiences, especially for Soldiers in combat.

“Just the chaplaincy being present in a combat environment is a reminder to [the Soldiers] that they are not alone,” he said. “When we know we’re in this together and that they’re not alone, there is hope and a future – those kinds of things are powerful.”



# ON POST

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK’S EDITION.

**School Age Center Summer Camp**

The Fort Rucker School Age Center hosts its summer camp through Aug. 4. Each week, the camp will have a new theme. Parents will have the ability to pick and choose which weeks they would like their children to attend. Fees will be due the Friday before the start of each camp week and will be based on total family income. Food, field trips and all activities will be included in the weekly fees. All youth who attend must be enrolled in child and youth services.

For more information, call 255-9108 or 255-9638.

**Fort Rucker Right Arm Night**

The Landing Zone will host the Fort Rucker Right Arm Night today from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 255-0768. Pictured is a scene from a previous event.

**Wild Adventures day trip**

MWR Central will host a back-to-school day trip to Wild Adventures in Valdosta, Georgia, Saturday. The park features everything from roller coasters to wild animals to water slides and more. The trip costs \$53 per person. The bus will depart from the parking lot of Bldg. 5700 at 7 a.m. and is expected to return at 8 p.m.

To register, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

**Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway**

Children of military members can pick up a complimentary book bag filled with school supplies at the child and youth services open houses Saturday from 2-4 p.m. Each location will feature an open house for parents and children to tour and learn more about the programs offered at each facility – the school age center in Bldg. 2806 for youth in grades 1-5 and the youth center in Bldg. 2800 for youth in grades 6-12. Book bags are available while supplies last for military dependent children only.

For more information, call 255-9810 or 255-9108.

**Employment readiness class**

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session Aug. 3. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 11:30 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

**International Spouses Get Together**

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.

For more information, call 255-3735.

**Federal jobs workshop**

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The workshop is aimed at getting people the information they need to increase their federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s “Jobseeker’s Guide (7th Edition).” Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the workshop is open to authorized patrons only.

For more information or to register, call 255-2594.

**Resilience workshop**

Army Community Service will host



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## Girls Night Out

The Landing will host Girls Night Out Aug. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Attendees will enjoy an evening full of fashion, fun, and prizes while visiting with numerous organizations from throughout the community that cater to women, according to organizers. Tickets are on sale for \$10 at MWR Central, The Landing Zone, The Landing Catering Office, and the Coffee Zone locations at Lyster Army Health Clinic and The Landing Zone. For more information, call 255-0769. Pictured is a scene from the May event.

its resiliency training workshop Aug. 10 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm.350. People need to register by Aug. 8. Resilience training is designed to provide family members and civilians with tools to better cope with and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations, according to ACS officials. In August, organizers will emphasize real-time resilience, identifying character strengths in self and others, and challenges and leadership.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**Volunteer recruitment fair**

The Army Community Service volunteer coordinator will host a volunteer recruitment fair Aug. 16 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing’s main ballroom. Organizers said the event is perfect for people who want to give of their time and talents to a deserving organization, but aren’t sure which one to pick. The event will bring together a number of organizations throughout the installation in need of volunteers in one convenient location.

For more information, call the 255-1429.

**Newcomers welcome**

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Aug. 18 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged by post officials to attend the newcomers orientation. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

**Blended Retirement System Seminar**

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar Aug. 22 from 6-7 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282. The seminar will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including how retirement pay will be calculated, continuation pay and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching government contributions, according to ACS officials. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS accredited financial counselors. Pre-registration is required by Aug. 21. Free childcare will be available with registration.

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# DOWN UNDER

## Soldiers train with multinational partners during Pacific Pathways

By Sgt. Frank Strumila  
For Army News Service

QUEENSLAND, Australia — Australia is not for the faint of heart. Scorpions, snakes and spiders lurk in the Australian Outback. Treacherous terrain crisscrosses the northeastern countryside. Extreme temperature shifts can swelter during the day and chill to the bone at night.

These challenges did not deter the Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division as they trained alongside their Australian counterparts during Talisman Saber 17.

Talisman Saber is a multinational, multi-echelon exercise held in Australia every other year. This year, 33,000 troops from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Japan trained alongside Americans from all military branches.

As part of Talisman Saber, the Australian Defence Force's 3rd Brigade conducted a certification field training exercise called Operation Hamel. The Soldiers associated with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, from Alaska, Hawaii and around the Pacific, supported 3rd Brigade's certification as a subordinate maneuver force.

For the Tropic Lightning Soldiers from Alaska, Talisman Saber 17 also represented the first stop on a three exercises supported by Pacific Pathways, a U.S. Army Pacific initiative of exercises that take place annually around the Asian Pacific region. After completing Talisman Saber 17, the Task Force will travel next to the Hanuman Guardian exercise in Thailand and then to Orient Shield in Japan to build both readiness and interoperability with multinational partners.

Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team formed the nucleus of the American Army operations in the field



ARMY PHOTO

Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment conduct an air assault during Talisman Saber to establish blocking positions of enemy forces at the Shoal Water Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia.

training exercise portion of Talisman Saber 17. Fighting alongside the 3rd Battalion Soldiers during the field training exercise was the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, and the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

For the Tropic Lightning Soldiers, Talisman Saber 17 kicked off with a 19-hour direct flight for a task force of paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division and a company from the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on July 13.

The paratroopers conducted a forced entry parachute assault from six Royal Australian Air Force and United States Air Force C-17 Globemaster cargo planes into the rugged terrain near Williamson Airfield in central Queensland to secure the airfield and establish a strategic blocking position on the battlefield. Once in place, the Soldiers of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division

then executed a prearranged hand-over to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment task force and Australian soldiers of 3rd Brigade.

"We started in Fort Richardson, Alaska, as a joint force that consisted of U.S. troops, as well as our Canadian counterparts from Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. As we look at the operation and really the bigger picture for the operation here within the Pacific area of responsibility is assuring our allies and assuring our partners here and then deterring our adversaries," said Col. Jeffery Crapo, commander of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division. "That's really why we conduct an airborne operation clear from Alaska all the way into Australia."

After the parachute assault, the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment and its supporting units conducted decisive action operations in support of the Australian 3rd Brigade. Alpha Company,

3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, conducted a tactical foot march while Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, boarded helicopters for an air assault. Both companies had similar objectives: to establish battle positions to block main avenues of approach enemy forces could use to attack the Australian 3rd Brigade.

After several days of the infantry task force gaining and maintaining contact with the elusive "enemy," the American task force participated in the final assault on the enemy's last-ditch positions on Sam Hill and Raspberry Creek on July 20.

The Soldiers who participated in Talisman Saber 17 received incredible small unit training, new field craft skills, and an enhanced ability to work with allied militaries in an unfamiliar environment.

Interoperability was one of the key training objectives of the exercise. Soldiers of 3rd Battalion conducted tactical operations in

Australia's protected mobility vehicles and with New Zealand's Lorries. During an air assault mission, a task force of helicopters from the United States, Australia and New Zealand delivered the Tropic Lighting Soldiers to the landing zone. The air assault was the epitome of integration with allied partner battle networks, strengthening allied partner capabilities with international forces for true warfighting interoperable challenges that may arise in operational environments.

Talisman Saber 17 provided the Alaskan and Hawaiian Soldiers an invaluable opportunity to conduct combined, joint, and interagency operations in a new and tough environment. As the first leg of 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team's Pacific Pathways, Talisman Saber 17 laid the groundwork for the rest of the deployment. The exercise gave the Tropic Lightning Soldiers confidence that they could travel anywhere in the Pacific region, integrate with their foreign counterparts, and conduct effective operations in an unfamiliar location — proving they are ready to fight and win at any time on any battlefield.

"Talisman Saber is an excellent builder of readiness, both multinational readiness and unilateral readiness within the United States Army. Being able to train with our allies and partners brings about a level of readiness that is not achievable anywhere else," according to Lt. Col. Josh Davis, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment.

"We get the opportunity in the States to train in the deserts of California, the woodlands of Louisiana, and the mountainous and freezing Arctic conditions of Alaska, but being able to train somewhere you're not accustomed to, brings a level of readiness and confidence that the Soldiers would just not get anywhere else," he said.

## Exercise Talisman Saber highlights enduring U.S., Australia alliance

By Russell Goemaere  
U.S. Army Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — More than 33,000 U.S. and Australian personnel participated in the biennial military training exercise Talisman Saber 2017 in Australia June 23 to Tuesday.

Talisman Saber, jointly sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Command and Australian Defence Force Headquarters Joint Operations Command, incorporated U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force and the Australian Defence Force, as well as other government agencies from each country.

The realistic and challenging exercise provided an invaluable opportunity to conduct operations in a combined, joint and interagency environment that increased both countries' ability to plan and execute contingency responses, from combat mis-

sions to humanitarian assistance efforts.

Featuring 21 ships, including the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group, and more than 200 joint aircraft, this seventh iteration of the exercise focused on training a Combined Task Force of U.S. and Australian forces in a mid-intensity, high-end warfighting scenario.

The exercise also incorporated interagency participation, along with a command post exercise involving a transition between a three- and four-star headquarters. U.S. Pacific Command units and Australian forces conducted live and virtual training exercises in multi-domains on sea, land, air, cyber throughout multiple training areas in and around Australia.

The exercise was conducted from multiple locations in the U.S., including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; Naval Base

San Diego, California; Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington; Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia; Suffolk Joint DOD Complex, Virginia; Camp Atterbury, Indiana; and on the island of Guam.

Multiple locations in Australia also hosted the exercise, including Darwin, Rockhampton, Amberley, Canberra, Enoggera, Fog Bay, the maritime areas of the Coral Sea, and Australian ranges including the Bradshaw, Shoalwater and Townsville Field Training Areas.

Along with the opportunity to hone military skills, the significant involvement from international, Australian and United States government agencies made this a truly collaborative whole-of-government effort. Active participation by international organizations included the World Food

Programme, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Australian government entities that participated in the exercise included the Department of Defence International Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Civil-Military Centre.

U.S. participating agencies included the U.S. Departments of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The U.S. and Australia train and work together in a variety of exercises and missions throughout the year, including working together on humanitarian and civic assistance missions in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RORY FEATHERSTON

Col. Jeffery Crapo, commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, adjusts his gear after landing at drop zone Kapyong near Williamson Air Field Shoalwater Bay Training Area on July 13.

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# 101st Soldiers learn critical lessons through exercises

By Sean Kimmons  
Army News Service

LOHATLA, South Africa — Patrolling across an open field in the African bushland after reports of a kidnapping by insurgents, Staff Sgt. Donovan Sweet unknowingly led his squad toward a looming ambush.

Moments later, two devices exploded followed by bursts of enemy gunfire. The 26-year-old leader quickly shouted commands to his 101st Airborne Division squad to fire back as they sought the only cover available behind small, thorny shrubs.

One-by-one his squad members, along with other Soldiers in his platoon, were shot as part of a mock scenario Friday during the two-week Shared Accord exercise, which ends August 3. Held at different African training sites each year, the joint exercise enhances the peacekeeping capabilities of U.S. and African forces in support of U.N. and African Union mandates.

More than 230 Soldiers from the division's 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment are participating in the bilateral exercise, along with about 300 South African Army soldiers, 100 U.S. and South African marines, and 50 Soldiers from U.S. Army Africa headquarters.

The simulated attack, led by South African soldiers posing as insurgents, was specifically drawn up to inflict heavy losses. While they succeeded, it also served as a tough lesson to the defeated.

"They need to be able to learn to communicate better and notice what's around them, not just in front of them," Sweet said of his squad. The exercise also gave him the opportunity to refine his own leadership skills.

Realizing one's strengths and weaknesses was a goal for Capt. Christian Radulesco, who helped devise the attack. Radulesco and three other observer-controllers left Germany to join the exercise from the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, the Army's Europe-based combat training



PHOTOS BY SEAN KIMMONS  
Spc. Frank Alvarez, an infantryman with 101st Airborne Division's 2-327th Inf. Regt., searches a mock insurgent played by a South African soldier during situational training for Shared Accord 17 at the South African Army Combat Training Center in Lohatla July 21.



A Soldier with 2-327th Inf. Regt. captures a mock insurgent played by a South African soldier during situational training for Shared Accord 17.

center.

"They still walk away with an important lesson learned," said Radulesco, 36, of Atlanta, Georgia. "And that is what's key here, even if the whole platoon is wiped out.

"To each challenge, there is a correct doctrinal answer," he added. "If the leaders follow the correct doctrine ... and their ju-

nior leaders take initiative, then they're successful."

In Sweet's squad, there was at least one positive when the simulated gunfire rang out across the field. As he gave orders, an enemy fighter popped out of the bush and "fatally" shot him, which sounded off his multiple integrated laser engagement system gear. When that happened,

one of his younger Soldiers took charge of the squad, which had also lost a team leader.

"That was probably an eye-opening moment for him, as well as it was for me," said Sweet, of Mooresville, North Carolina.

At just 20 years old, Pfc. Zachary Pullen, an M249 squad automatic weapon gunner, became the squad leader as he and the rest of the Soldiers still in the game went on to complete the mission.

"All that muscle memory kicked in and you just had to go," said Pullen, 20, of Rapid City, South Dakota. "If you sit there and think about it, you might get people killed."

Having not been in combat yet, Pullen also thought the real-world training in a foreign country could better prepare him and others for when that time comes.

"It's a different experience from what we do back home," he said. "Back home, the [opposing force] knows our tactics and we know theirs. But we don't know



First Lt. Zach Lewis, right, a platoon leader with 2-327th Inf. Regt., speaks with a village elder played by a South African soldier.



Staff Sgt. Donovan Sweet, a squad leader with 2-327th Inf. Regt., gives orders to his squad while being attacked by mock insurgents.

[the South African Army] tactics."

One of the South African soldiers shooting at Sweet's squad was impressed with the Soldiers' movements, despite their losses.

"Actually, they are more organized [than us]," said South African army Pvt. Albert Mkhabela. "They move more in buddy pairs and they secure each other, so they really did well."

But the home-field advantage may have proved too much for the Americans. "This is our terrain," Mkhabela said. "We do training here most of the time, so we are acclimatized with the terrain."

Sweet and the other 101st Division Soldiers are expected to get another shot against their South African counterparts later in the exercise when it evolves into more complex force-on-force training scenarios.

The unique training with the South Africans is just one of many training events the Soldiers will go through to improve their readiness.

"We don't know where we're going next," Sweet said of potential deployments. "You have to be able to diversify yourself and your Soldiers in order to be successful wherever you go."

## Soldiers engage in community service to honor Nelson Mandela Day

By Sgt. 1st Class Alexandra Hays  
For Army News Service

POSTMASBURG, South Africa — U.S. Army Africa Command Soldiers, troops from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and service members from the South African National Defense Force celebrated Nelson Mandela International Day 2017 by partnering with a local South African animal shelter to provide free exams and medical treatment for pets in the town of Postmasburg July 18.

The troops, who are training together during Exercise Shared Accord 2017, took time to observe Nelson Mandela International Day — a tradition first recognized in 2009 by the United Nations General Assembly in recognition of Mandela's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.

"As part of Nelson Mandela Day we came out to kind of engage the community and give back to the community,"

said Brig. Gen. William J. Prendergast, USARAF deputy commanding general.

"It's just great to see other cultures and make that bond between two nations," Prendergast said, adding that the U.S. Army is committed to strengthening its relationship with regional and national African partners.

U.S. and South African troops partnered with local animal shelter, Diere Forum Postmasburg, and set up a free, outdoor dog clinic for residents living in the shantytown of Postmasburg. Residents lined up for their dogs to receive free vaccinations, flea treatments and de-worming medicine.

Service members from both countries donned medical gloves and assisted the shelter workers with the pets and interacted with residents.

"I think it was great because we don't get to do that stuff often," said Spc. Gladys Y. Gilbert Brea, a cook with the 101st, originally from Gautier, Mississippi.

"It was heartwarming — I love animals,"

Brea added.

Mandela Day is observed each year on July 18, as it is the late statesman's birthday, and it calls on all citizens to volunteer 67 minutes of their time in commemoration of Mandela's 67 years in service of promoting social justice. Mandela's legacy includes working as a human rights lawyer, an international peacemaker and the first democratically-elected president of South Africa.

This year, according to the United Nations website, the theme for Mandela Day was Action against Poverty, acknowledging Mandela's devotion to fighting poverty.

"We need to make a difference in what we're doing in our communities," said South African Defense Force Col. William Bucibe, a senior staff officer.

"We are here as an organization to give back to the community. We must do good wherever we are so we can make this a better world," Bucibe explained.

Prendergast echoed the sentiment that it is important for service members to be involved in their communities and interact with the civilians that they defend.

"It's community relations and Shared Accord '17 is really a great opportunity for us to continue to build partnerships with our African partners," he said.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ALEXANDRA HAYS

Resident children from the shanty town of Postmasburg, South Africa, bring their pets to a free dog clinic July 18 in celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day 2017.

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# Soldiers strengthen Bulgarian partnerships at Black Sea base

By Jackie Pennoyer  
USAG Bavaria, Germany  
Public Affairs Office

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — Three military police officers from different garrisons in Europe combined their knowledge and experience of law enforcement and military justice while helping to protect the community here during the multinational exercise Saber Guardian 17.

The three Soldiers also assisted this joint-operated installation foster stronger ties with their Bulgarian counterparts through daily team patrols and shared decision-making — demonstrating leadership and interoperability capabilities championed by U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges’ “Pillars of Strong Europe.”

Novo Selo Training Area, an expansive military base with U.S.-built infrastructure and vastly diverse training capabilities, is ensconced in the heart of Bulgaria’s rich agricultural landscape.

Miles from the nearest city and only an hour from the Black Sea, the base has also become a central axis point for U.S. Army and NATO operations in recent years, said Julia Sibilla, site director for the NSTA’s garrison mission.

“NSTA is a premier, fully-equipped training facility for the U.S., our allies and our partners,” Sibilla said. “It is a recharging, energizing place for service members to arrive, take care of basic needs, and then go out and train.”

Over 5,000 NATO forces rucking, driving and jumping for Saber Guardian 17, a U.S. Army Europe-led exercise that drew about 45,000 troops from 23 allied and partner nations toward a common goal of collective defense, bunked in the two-story billeting and tents



PHOTO BY JACKIE PENNOYER

**Mathew Cornman, NSTA physical security specialist; Roland Hesmondhalgh, NSTA Directorate of Emergency Services director; Spc. Patrick Williams; Staff Sgt. Ervin Garcia-Guzman; Staff Sgt. Joe Tolentino; Capt. Peter R. Lopez, NSTA provost marshal, are part of the team helping to protect the community in the Novo Selo Training Area during the multinational exercise Saber Guardian 17.**

stretched along miles of training grounds at NSTA.

The three military police from garrisons Ansbach, Bavaria and Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany traveled to the forward base during the lead-up and execution of Saber Guardian and for other follow-up exercises to augment emergency services and law enforcement measures at a garrison that under normal circumstances has under one thousand troops in its footprint.

Currently, NSTA has two military provost marshal officers — filled by rotating Army reservists from Puerto Rico — and two Army civilians: a director and physical security specialist.

“With thousands of additional Soldiers here for the exercise, we knew we needed a greater presence of military police to provide security and safety,” said NSTA

provost marshal Capt. Peter Lopez. “No matter the exercise, community safety is paramount. It allows Soldiers and commanders in the field to focus solely on training.”

The augmentees required very little local training or onboarding, Lopez said. Each bringing five or more years of experience as military police officers, the Soldiers quickly integrated into the small DES team and expanded the scope of emergency and policing capabilities during Saber Guardian.

Together, the Soldiers created a 24-7 police desk, streamlined what was once a cumbersome base access process for U.S. and NATO soldiers, and augmented traditional DES functions like vehicle registration, criminal investigations, escorts and patrols, said DES director Roland Hesmondhalgh.

“These guys do everything.

They go out, take pictures, collect evidence, do fingerprints -- all things in the past, we didn’t have the capability or manpower to do,” Lopez said.

Most notable, however, according to Sibilla, is the impact these Soldiers have had on the U.S.-Bulgarian military police relationship and, more broadly, the garrison’s partnership with host nation officials through their daily joint patrols along the post perimeter and off the installation.

“The joint patrols afford both Bulgarian and American military police units the opportunity to work together, learn from one another, collaborate and better understand the policies and practices of other nations,” Sibilla said. “More importantly, they strengthen the capabilities of both parties and highlight the importance of our allied partnership.”

Sibilla also added that the three augmentee police officers, as well as permanent members of the DES team, have embodied all five pillars of Hodges’ model for a strong, ready Europe by throwing young Soldiers into challenging environments, leveraging the strengths of Army Reservists, cultivating stronger national alliances through small collaborative actions, enabling regionally-allocated forces through safe exercises, and contributing to the Army’s regional dynamic presence.

“I don’t get to do a lot of these things back home. I’ve learned how to use Excel, make spreadsheets and be more organized. Just today, I learned how to do a fingerprint kit,” said Staff Sgt. Joe Tolentino, adding, “I’m so glad they chose me to come here. Working with the leaders here has been amazing.”

Spc. Patrick Williams from USAG Ansbach, another augmentee, brought over eight years of military police experience to the DES team. Williams, who also said the experience was an enriching one, was asked to fill out the remainder of his overseas tour as the installation’s lead desk sergeant.

“Staff Sgt. Ervin Garcia-Guzman and I will be leaving soon,” Lopez said. “I think it’s important to have Soldiers here who can mentor the next guys and provide critical continuity.”

As NSTA and its sister site Camp Mihail Kogalniceanu in Romania continue to grow in size and emerge as the Army’s Black Sea “home and headquarters” for rotational forces and regional exercises, Sibilla said, it’s important that processes are streamlined and all command components invest in strong partnerships.

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Church. For more information call 447-8507.

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at [vfw post 6683](https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost6683).

**ONGOING** – Military Order of Purple Heart meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at American Legion Hall on East Lee Street. For more information, call 334-347-2727 or 334-447-6954.

## GENEVA

**ONGOING** — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

## MIDLAND CITY

**ONGOING** — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

## NEW BROCKTON

**JULY 27** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the senior center, located one block behind the old New Brockton Police station. Food and drink will be served, and will be followed by regular chapter business. Maximum member participation is requested as chapter business will include voting for positions of commander, senior and junior vice, and other positions for 2018. Chapter members also extend an invitation to other veterans throughout the Wiregrass to join. For more information, call 334-718- 5707.

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Town Hall (old armory building) at 706 McKinnon Street. The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 334-406-6700.

## OZARK

**ONGOING** — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information,

call 477-6221 or email [wcholmes53@hotmail.com](mailto:wcholmes53@hotmail.com).

**ONGOING** — Every Wednesday, the Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

**ONGOING** — Every Monday through Friday, aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. Call 774-2042 for more information.

## PINCKARD

**ONGOING** — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information, call 983-3064.

## SAMSON

**ONGOING** — The Samson City Council meets monthly the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

**ONGOING** — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## TROY

**ONGOING** — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex. The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s with finger foods and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

## WIREGRASS AREA

**ONGOING** — AMVETS Post 23 monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the AMVETS Service Center, 203 MLK Dr., in Opp. For more information, call 334-493-0785 or visit [www.amvetspost23.com](http://www.amvetspost23.com).

**ONGOING** — Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 970 County Road 528, Elba, offers Sunday school the first, second, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:45 a.m., and worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study is Wednesdays after the first and third Sundays from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call 334-774-1738.

**ONGOING** — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

## Beyond Briefs

### ‘Stars on the Riverfront’

The Alabama Dance Theatre will present its annual “Stars on the Riverfront” with two free performances July 30 and 31 from 7:30-9 p.m. People are welcome to bring their entire family and picnic as the sun sets on one of Montgomery’s most beautiful venues, the Riverwalk Amphitheater, according to organizers. These eclectic performances are the culmination of ADT’s two-week summer dance seminar and will feature over 50 dancers. Gates open at 6 p.m. for picnicking. For more information, call 334-241-2590 or visit [www.alabamadanctheatre.com/stars-on-the-riverfront.html](http://www.alabamadanctheatre.com/stars-on-the-riverfront.html).

### Summer concert series

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its free summer concert series Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. through Aug. 10 at Aaron Bessant Park, 600 Pier Park Drive. People are welcome to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the sounds of summer music, according to organizers. Coolers, food and pets are welcome. For more information, visit <http://www.panamacitybeachparksandrecreation.com/>

[summer-concert-series-2017.html](http://summer-concert-series-2017.html).

### Palafox Market

Downtown Pensacola hosts its Palafox Market Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Martin Luther King Plaza. Admission is free to the market that features fresh produce, live plants, baked goods, fine art, antiques and more. Items originate directly from onsite vendors who grow, make, or create the fruits, vegetables, herbs and art for sale, according to organizers. The event takes place rain or shine. For more information, call 850-434-5371 or visit <http://palafoxmarket.com/>.

### Disney’s ‘Mary Poppins’

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery hosts its production of Disney’s “Mary Poppins” through July 30 at various times. According to festival officials, “Mary Poppins” showcases some of the most memorable songs ever sung on the silver screen or stage, including “Chim Chim Cher-ee,” “Jolly Holiday,” “A Spoonful of Sugar,” and “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!” The production is recommended for ages 4 and up. Visit <http://tickets.asf.net/single/PSDetail.aspx?psn=11574> for show times and to purchase tickets. Ticket prices vary based on

play, date and availability of seating.

For more information, call 334-271-5353 or [asf.net/project/mary-poppins/](http://asf.net/project/mary-poppins/).

### Zoo’s Twilight Tuesdays

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum will host its Twilight Tuesdays each Tuesday in August. The zoo and museum will open at 11 a.m. and the last ticket will be sold at 6:30 p.m. to allow guests the opportunity to enjoy the animals and exhibits in the cooler evening hours. All rides, attractions and animal encounters will remain open pending weather and animal husbandry needs. All guests must exit the front gate by 7:30 p.m. Schedule of events: Aug. 1, Wild Night – Dress up as a favorite zoo animal; Aug. 8: Book Night – Enjoy readings of treasured animal-themed children’s books; Aug. 15: Superhero Night – Dress up as a favorite superhero; Aug. 22: Zoo Tour Night – Follow a guided tour of the zoo and Mann Museum; and Aug. 29: School Spirit and Game Night – Dress in a favorite team’s colors and enjoy playing festive games. Regular admission to the Montgomery Zoo is \$15 for adults (13-64 years), \$11 for children (3-12 years), and free for toddlers (2 years and under). Combination admission

for the zoo and museum is \$20 for adults (13-64 years), \$15 for children (3-12 years), and free for toddlers (2 years and under). Discount rates for military and seniors are available. For more information, visit [www.montgomeryzoo.com](http://www.montgomeryzoo.com).

### Southern Thunder

Inspired by the Alabama Gang’s influence on auto racing, Vulcan Park and Museum showcases its latest Linn-Henley Gallery exhibition through December 2018. Southern Thunder: The Legacy of Alabama Auto Racing, presented by the Jefferson County Commission, will showcase hair-raising stories and bring to life the impact that auto racing in Alabama had on the regional and national scenes, according to organizers. The exhibit relives this thrilling piece of Alabama history when driving by the seat of your pants wasn’t a figure of speech and explains why this legacy is the foundation for auto racing in Alabama today. Daily admission rates: adults, \$6; Seniors (65 and older) and military, \$5; children ages 5-12, \$4; and children 4 years and younger are admitted for free. For more information, visit <http://visitvulcan.com/>.



# Soldiers, citizens honor the fallen from the Battle of Cheonan

**By Yu Pom Tong**  
*U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys  
Public Affairs*

CHEONAN, South Korea — More than 200 Cheonan residents joined 36 American and Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army Soldiers from Camp Humphreys to honor the fallen during the annual Battle of Cheonan Commemoration at Martin Park July 8.

The Korea Freedom Federation Cheonan Chapter hosted the event with support from Cheonan City.

The ceremony marked the 67th anniversary of the battle, fought by American Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division and South Korean Army Soldiers. During the battle July 7-8, 1950, more than 100 Soldiers died, including the 34th Infantry Regiment’s commander, Col. Robert R. Martin, for whom the park is named.

U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys commander Col. Scott W. Mueller and Command Sgt. Maj. Willie F. Pearson attended representing the garrison.

The first speaker Jang, Kyuyong, president of the KFF Cheonan Chapter, emphasized the importance of the Republic of Korea-U.S. alliance.

“As you know, North Korea has still not abandoned its goals of unifying the peninsula under their rule. We are not intimidated by North Korean actions, including the Cheonan sinking, the shelling of Yeon Pyeong Island, the fifth nuclear test in September 2016, or the intercontinental ballistic missile tests carried out on May 14, 21, 27 and 30,” Jang said. “In such a tight security situation, we must keep the peace in Korea through a strong ROK-US alliance grounded in a sense of security.”

The Cheonan vice mayor, So, Cheol Mo, reminded everyone to



ARMY PHOTO

**Hwang, Du Hwan, student leader of Samgeori Elementary School next to Martin Park, read a thank you letter the U.S. Soldiers who participated in the ceremony. After he finished he presented the letter to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys commander Col. Scott W. Mueller.**

remember the fallen and to honor those who serve today.

“We will remember the noble sacrifice of nearly 33,000 American Soldiers who died for freedom and peace during the Korean War, our respect and gratitude for them will last forever,” So said. “I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to the U.S. Forces in Korea who devote themselves to maintain the security of the Republic of Korea even at this moment.”

Mueller spoke next, noting how appropriate the park be named for the fallen commander

of the 34th Infantry Regiment.

“In the United States the Korean War is often called the forgotten war. It is appropriate that this place be named Martin Park for it honors the memory of those brave Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during those early, desperate days of the Korean War. It is right and proper that we remember their sacrifices that those who fought here know they will never be forgotten,” he said.

Yim, Kyeong-nam, Vice President of KFF Cheonan Chapter gave a memorial poetry reading next that emphasized the meaning

of the ceremony. The title of the poem was “Between Heaven and Earth” by Lee, Byeong-seok.

“Cheonan Samgeori (triple way intersection) is a square where the big heaven, earth, and human meet and commune.

“In Martin Park, a blessed land where eagles and doves huddle open hearted and hand in hand, we pray in memory of noble souls.

“Dedicated to the commemoration of the great and honorable victims with the 34th Regiment, 24th Division who fell glorious flowers in Cheonan battles, dur-

ing the Korean civil war for the welfare and democracy of the world for the freedom and peace of this nation.

“God bless the brave Soldiers forever and ever in the name of all the brothers in Korea and all the world over.

“Thy unselfish love and noble sacrifice shall shine brightly in the history of human race with eternal heavenly blessing!

“Thy love humanity and sublimity shall be taken over forever glorious warriors, rest in comfort in heaven! Peace be with thee in the arm of God on the 67th anniversary.”

Next, Hwang, Du Hwan, student leader of Samgeori Elementary School next to Martin Park read a thank you letter for Mueller and the U.S. Soldiers who participated in the ceremony.

“I really appreciate you letting us live without a war,” Hwang said. “I have noticed that here could be a grave of someone, even though I walk with friends pleausrably on the way to school and back. Thanks to the noble sacrifice of the Soldiers, we can live without any difficulty and Korea could develop and be one of the good countries.”

John Eimes, an American college professor who works for Sungkyunkwan University in Suwon, attended the ceremony as a way to honor his father John Adam Eimes and Martin. The elder Eimes, an Infantryman, was wounded in the Korean War and later retired from active duty in 1969. Eimes’s academic advisor, Professor Patricia Parker, is the granddaughter of Martin.

“I would like to honor my father and my adviser’s granddad,” Eimes said.

Following the event, the Humphreys Soldiers visited Independence Hall in Cheonan to learn about Korean history during Japanese rule on Korean peninsula from 1910-1945.

## Religious Services

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

**Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109**  
8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

**Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940**  
8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions  
9 a.m. Catholic Mass  
11 a.m. Collective Protestant  
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday-Friday)  
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions (Saturday)  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

**Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036**  
9:30 a.m. Protestant  
Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints  
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)  
11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)

**Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939**  
10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

**BIBLE STUDIES**  
**TUESDAY**  
**Crossroads**  
**Discipleship Study** (Meal/Bible Study)  
Wings Chapel,  
6:30 p.m.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**  
Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center,  
6:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**Catholic Women of the Chapel**  
Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

**Above the Best Bible Study**  
Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

**1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study**  
Hanchey AAF, Bldg. 50102N, Rm. 101  
11:30 a.m.

**164th TAOG Bible Study**  
Cairns AAF, Bldg. 30501,  
11:30 a.m.

**Precepts Bible Study**  
Soldier Service Center,  
12 p.m.

**Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center,  
6 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center,  
6 p.m.

**Spanish Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

**THURSDAYS**  
**WOCC Bible Study (1st/3rd Thursday)**  
Swartworth Hall, Bldg. 5302,  
11:30 a.m.

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# TACTICAL THROWDOWN

## Soldiers tie for 1st place in 2nd quarter challenge

**By Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Participation continues to rise for Fort Rucker's Tactical Throwdown challenges and, with the announcement of the third quarter challenge, Soldiers can begin training to tackle the next task.

According to Zea Urbiztondo, fitness program specialist and challenge organizer, 27 Soldiers competed in the Tactical Throwdown second quarter challenge and 19 of those Soldiers submitted their scores for official consideration, with two Soldiers tying for first place in the men's division.

Staff Sgt. Sam Seals and Spc. Matthew Vecchione, both of the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, C Company, tied for first place in the kettlebell and burpee challenge men's division with a completion time of 5 minutes, 22 seconds.

Spc. Carrie Douglas, also of the 1st Bn., 11th Avn. Regt., clenched the women's division with a completion time of 8:14.

"By participating in these challenges, Soldiers can see where they are in comparison to their fellow Soldiers," Urbiztondo said. "Everyone has their separate fitness and health goals, but when challenged head-to-head, it forces people to tap into their competitive nature and work harder."

"It is great to see participants get cheered on and pushed by their fellow Soldiers, building camaraderie among competitors," she added. "Even though these challenges can be tense and you have to really focus to get through them, the participants have fun, as well."

The third quarter challenge, which will run Aug. 14-18, is a rowing challenge, Urbiztondo said. Competitors will use Concept 2 Rowers to complete a total of 2,500 meters in the men's division and 2,000 meters in the women's division. The fastest completion time wins.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Staff Sgt. Sam Seals, right, and Spc. Matthew Vecchione, both of C Co., 1-11th Avn. Regt., compete in the second quarter Tactical Throwdown challenge. The two tied for first place in the men's division with a completion time of 5 minutes 22 seconds.**

According to Urbiztondo, each challenge is designed to challenge competitors in unique ways.

"The first quarter pull-up challenge was based solely on muscular strength, so I wanted the second quarter challenge to focus on muscular power and endurance," she said. "Both exercises are movements that most people are familiar with, and when combined together, comprise a workout that is guaranteed to challenge any person, regardless of their fitness level."

"Kettlebell swings and burpees are a great way to quickly get your heart rate and body moving," she added. "They require a higher level of functionality and body awareness, and will really make you grit

your teeth as you power through the workout."

Tactical Throwdown challenges will continue quarterly until the end of the year, when a final competition will be held.

"Each new challenge will be announced soon after the previous one ends, so that the elements of each competition will be unknown to everyone until a few weeks before the scoring period begins," Urbiztondo said. "Since each quarter's challenge rules are not posted until the previous one ends, it only gives the participants a few weeks to prepare for the new challenge. Since health and fitness should be an ongoing mission, maintaining a daily fitness routine that works on muscular strength, power and en-

durance will be the best way to prepare for any fitness challenge.

"The challenges are not overly complex, but each one is meant to tax you in some way," she added. "Those who incorporate functional movements into their fitness programs will benefit best because of the multi-linear, multi-planar movements the challenges embrace."

According to Urbiztondo, repeat participants should expect to be increasingly challenged in future Tactical Throwdown competitions.

"I wanted these challenges to get progressively more difficult throughout the year, culminating in a final 'throwdown' that will include a lot of elements of tactical and functional fitness," she said. "I chose movements and exercises that build in intensity, as well as exercises that should be fundamental for them as tactical athletes, but will still challenge their fitness capabilities by testing their muscular strength, power and stamina."

"Competition is always a good way to push yourself because it forces you to have to go to that mindset when you start hitting a wall," she added. "It gives them something to train for and by having a goal to work toward, you are able to push your abilities and really see what you are made of."

Urbiztondo added that these challenges factor into the Performance Triad by giving participants fitness goals to work toward.

"In order to be ready and in the right state of mind to perform well, you need to ensure you take care of your body at all times – not just in the gym," she said.

According to Urbiztondo, winners of each challenge will be highlighted in the Fort Rucker PFC on an engraved plaque along with additional certificates and awards.

For more information, call 255-2997.

# INNOVATION

## Joint working group keeps military medicine on cutting-edge

**Military Health System**  
*Communications Office*  
*Staff Report*

SILVER SPRING, Md. — A program that keeps the Military Health System on the leading edge of medical innovation, and benefits more than 128,000 patients in the system, will continue.

The Secretary of Defense has renewed the Non-FDA Approved Laboratory Developed Tests Demonstration Project begun in September 2014.

"These tests are developed within a lab, usually for sole use within that lab," said Dr. Jim Black, medical director for the Defense Health Agency. The Food and Drug Administration has discretion in its oversight role in approving lab-developed tests, allowing some to be used without going through the agency's formal approval process.

Hospitals and labs, including those run by the military, can create and use these tests without seeking the FDA's approval. The Military Health System uses the Laboratory Joint Working Group, a body of clinical and lab experts from all of the military services, to prioritize and review a test. The criteria of that evaluation are based on a hierarchy of reliable evidence of proven medical effectiveness (such as scientifically valid data and information published in refereed medical and scientific literature), as well as TRICARE's rules involving rare diseases.

The group then forwards its recommendation to the director of the Defense Health Agency for final approval for use. The sticking point came in care given outside of military treatment facilities for TRICARE's beneficiaries. TRICARE requires that all tests it covers meet FDA approval, automatically eliminating many lab-developed tests from even being considered.

"As the whole field of genomic medicine and genetic testing has grown, the difficulty TRICARE faced was that these tests were increasingly being used in the practice of medicine," said Black. "But without FDA approval and clearance, TRICARE could not cover them."

The demonstration allows TRICARE to evaluate these tests for safety and value, and approve their use. More than 100 tests have been given the green light. Those include tests for diagnosing cancers, as well as blood or clotting disorders, genetic diseases or syndromes, and neurological conditions. Some tests are only for specific conditions or rare diseases.

Military hospitals already have their own lab-developed tests. The tests are similar to, but not exactly the same as, those covered under this TRICARE demonstration program. Lt. Col. George Leonard, a pathologist in charge of medical oversight for the laboratory at Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, said they have several tests that help them respond more quickly when treating pa-



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. TERESA J. CLEVELAND

**Air Force Staff Sgt. Mari Crespo, a medical laboratory technician, conducts tests on a blood bank unit at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, June 26. A program that allows lab developed tests for purchased care for TRICARE beneficiaries has been renewed.**

tients.

"For example, we developed an assay for Bordetella pertussis, better known as whooping cough," said Leonard. "This allowed us to diagnose Bordetella pertussis within hours, instead of culture testing, which takes days. If you have something that is potentially very contagious and you can't give a diagnosis until days later, you've really gotten yourself behind the curve when it comes to preventive medicine or epidemiologic control of that organism."

Leonard pointed out that while a patient is being diagnosed over a number of days, disease could spread to a larger community. If caution dictated, everyone who may have come in contact with a patient being tested would be quarantined for several days under the old test. That's a tremendous amount of lost work and productivity if the test came back negative. The lab-developed tests also help avoid misdiagnosing a disease.

"Bordetella parapertussis (a closely related to but a distinct species from Bordetella pertussis) might present almost the same clinically," he said. "While culture may only detect pertussis, our assay can tell us if a patient has a related disorder so we can treat them correctly."

Leonard also wanted to dispel any perception that these lab-developed tests, while not FDA-approved, are not up to par. "We apply the same rigorous standards for accuracy and validity for lab-developed tests as the FDA approved ones. Our tests give accurate and reproducible results," he said.

Black said these types of testing, under the demonstration project and in use at military facilities, are just one more tool the Military Health System uses to keep up with the rapid pace of innovation in health care.

"The demonstration allowed us to develop a process to evaluate these tests for safety and efficacy," said Black. "Using lab-developed tests, we've made great strides in care."

# MHS launches transparency website

**Military Health System**  
*Communications Office Staff Report*

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Patients who use military hospitals and clinics will find it easier to see how their facility is performing thanks to recent changes by the Military Health System to its transparency website.

The MHS has put military hospital and clinic quality, safety and patient satisfaction information online for years, but not always in ways that could be easily found or understood. The recent changes to the site are a good first step to fixing that problem, said Dr. Jill Sterling, co-chair of the MHS Transparency Initiative Group.

"We put all of our public data on health.mil after the Secretary of Defense review in 2014, and added additional measures when Congress passed the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act," said Sterling. "Making so much information public from so many sources as fast as we did meant there wasn't much time to design with the user in mind. The site wasn't very easy to use."

The website improvements include the following.

- Each military hospital and clinic now has a landing page where patients can see all the data in one place. In the past, patients had to download multiple spreadsheets and search for their facility.
- Users can find a U.S. hospital or clinic by ZIP code search. Users can find any hospital or clinic that reports data, including those overseas, through a name search.
- Users can compare up to three nearby hospitals or clinics on one custom report.
- MHS data managers now have a flexible system that lets them update performance measures. They can also add new measures and remove old ones that are no longer used. In the past, adding a new measure could take months. Now MHS can make most changes in days or weeks.

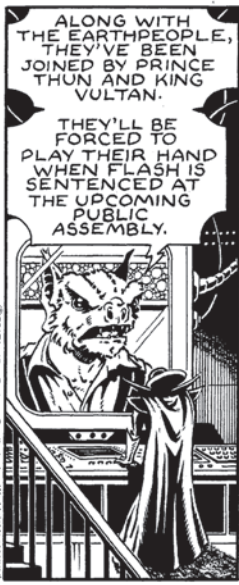
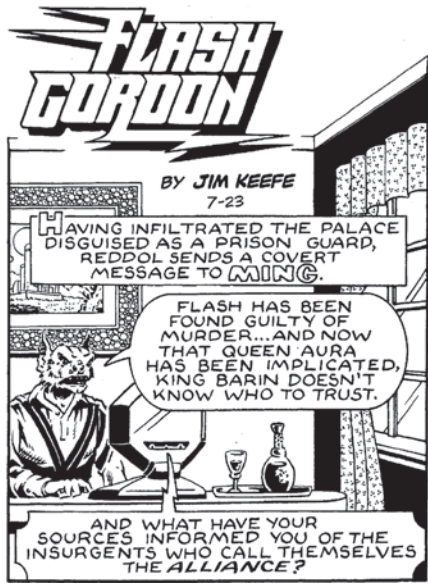
"We think the improvements we just made are a good step forward. However, it is just one step forward. We still have work to do, and we're looking for feedback from users to improve how we share that data," said Sterling.

The new site includes a random sample survey of users to help the MHS get feedback from patients. The site also includes a way for users to send feedback by email. MHS plans to have volunteers perform user testing at several military hospitals and clinics. This will ensure patients have a say in future improvements.

Users can visit the site by going to <https://health.mil/> and clicking the link to the MHS Transparency pages. Individual military hospital and clinic websites will also link to the transparency site from their sites.



# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodríguez

# TRIVIA

1. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water separates European and Asian Turkey?
2. PROVERBS: What is the ending to this famous proverb: "Actions speak ...?"
3. LITERATURE: What flower does the following Shakespearean line refer to: "That which we call ... by any other name would smell as sweet?"
4. U.S. STATES: Which state is last in alphabetical order?
5. COMICS: What was Wolverine's secret identity?
6. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for tussis?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of herons called?
8. MATH: How many zeroes are in a trillion?
9. ANATOMY: What role does the olfactory nerve play in the human body?
10. HISTORY: What was the name of the military operation for the Allied invasion of France?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

### CRUCIAL CATEGORY

#### ACROSS

- 1 Overbrim  
5 Lowercase letter with a dot  
11 Deg. for a future exec  
14 Be snoozing  
19 Magic incantation starter  
20 Add more criticism  
21 OPEC supply  
22 Big blood vessel  
23 Old Cougar carmaker, for short  
24 Sci-fi author Isaac  
25 Cry in a party card game  
26 Great fear  
27 Table in a dictionary  
31 Tension  
32 Pew, for one  
33 "Neon" tank fish  
37 Dessert akin to cobbler  
38 Smartphone buy  
41 It may be true-false  
44 Book with many maps

- 48 Word in a Doris Day song title  
49 Oh-so-sentimental  
50 Big bother  
51 Chief  
53 Wall St. manipulator  
55 "— Abner"  
56 Pro opposite  
57 Tidy  
58 Printed symphony, e.g.  
63 Twistable treat  
65 Dol. units  
67 Pantheon member  
68 Really happy  
69 Dunking site  
75 The Chiffons' "He's —"  
78 Ambience  
79 Hither and —  
131 "Dies —"  
84 Jailer  
88 Flaky mineral  
91 U.S. 66, e.g.  
92 Rustic stopover  
93 Spam may be in it  
94 Plunder  
96 Period in history  
97 Cowgirl's rope

- 100 Agenda, informally  
103 Concert Steinway, say  
105 The West Indies, e.g.  
108 Brainpower stats  
109 In need of medical care  
110 From that place  
111 Olds oldies  
113 Brain twister  
116 Theme of this puzzle  
122 Mark-leaving swordsman  
125 Utterance of amazement  
126 Time of mammoths  
127 Trails off  
128 Rack up, as debt  
129 Sense of self  
130 Earth orbits it  
131 "Dies —"  
132 Lions, Tigers and Bears  
133 Realty unit  
134 Seasonal mall figures  
135 Itty-bitty bits

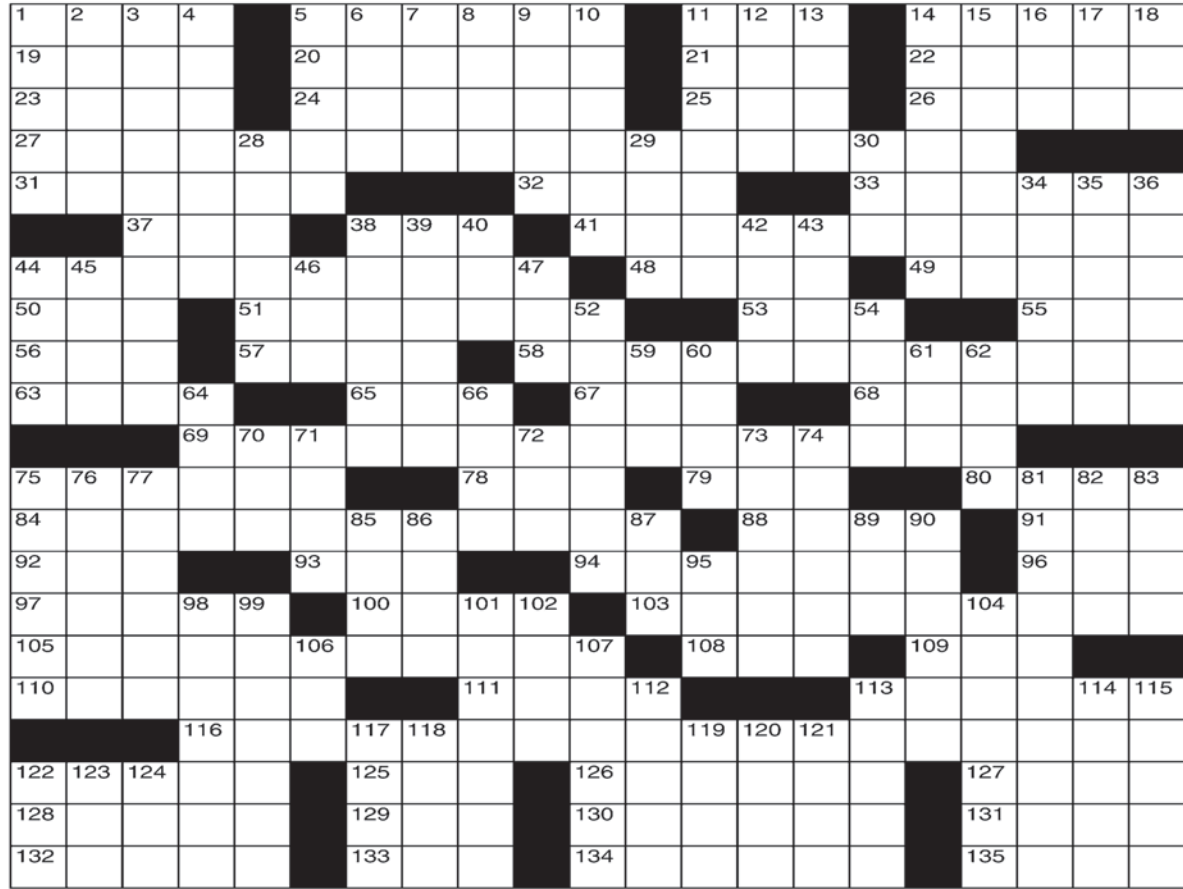
#### DOWN

- 1 Packs firmly  
2 Roger of film reviews

- 3 Often messing up  
4 Lehrer's old PBS partner  
5 Arches over  
6 Various items: Abbr.  
7 Et — (and others)  
8 Golf's "Champagne Tony"  
9 Plunders  
10 Visible  
11 Canadian cop  
12 Singer Crosby  
13 Matty or Felipe of the diamond  
14 Makes glum  
15 Actress Swit  
16 Previous to  
17 Theta lead-in  
18 Hip home  
28 Applied to  
29 Scull needs  
30 Suffix with Wyoming  
34 Scheme anew  
35 Shoot for, with "to"  
36 Fashioned  
38 Invasion  
39 River through Nebraska  
40 Bear's foot  
42 Gillette — II razor

- 43 Scarlett O'Hara's plantation  
44 Texas city  
45 Bad smell  
46 Had grub  
47 Golfer Snead  
52 Sweetened  
54 Chicken cordon —  
59 Name for 130-Across  
60 In a lazy manner  
61 Camera type, for short  
62 "Cool" guys  
64 Honshu sashes  
66 130-Across is one  
70 "I'll take that as —"  
71 Emailed, e.g.  
72 Wish  
73 Onetime big name in PCs  
74 Hamburger toppings  
75 Demon, e.g.  
76 Dean of 102-Down books  
77 Composition conclusion  
81 Middle-school math class  
82 Gobs  
83 City near Lake Tahoe  
85 Ill. neighbor

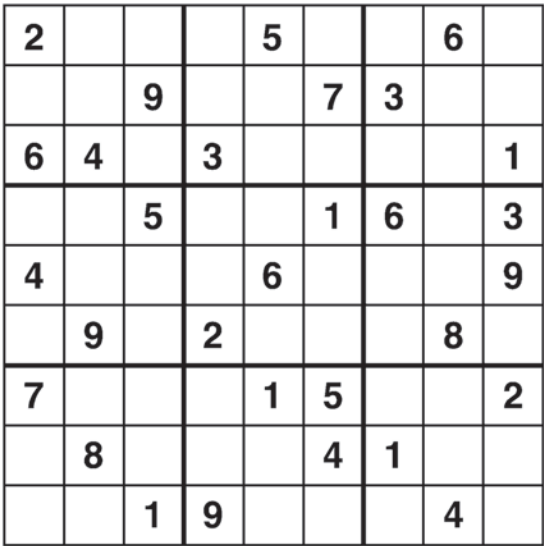
- 86 Egyptian symbol of life  
87 Minus: Abbr.  
89 El — (hero of Spain)  
90 Like Swiss mountains  
95 — Lankan  
98 Childish fit  
99 Affixes firmly  
101 Range of hearing  
102 Food intake  
104 "That pleases me"  
106 Agnus — (Mass part)  
107 Perfect-game feature  
112 Comic actor — Baron Cohen  
113 Makes uniform  
114 "Oops, sorry"  
115 Stubborn animals  
117 Caroling tune  
118 Full of energy  
119 Harry Potter, for one  
120 "... why — thou forsaken me?"  
121 Water, in Cuba  
122 Nose flaw  
123 Indivisible  
124 LG rival



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

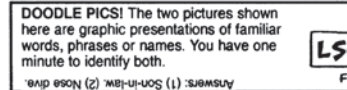
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# KID'S CORNER



YOU'LL BE ALL WET IF YOU MISS THIS ONE!  
Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.



- THE "G" PYRAMID! As you move down the word puzzle shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the G's. Here are some hints from the top down.
1. A movie rating.
  2. Symbol for silver.
  3. A fail to keep pace.
  4. A very strong wind.
  5. A devious scheme (sl).
  6. A complicated mess.
  7. A hybrid fruit.
  8. To make longer.



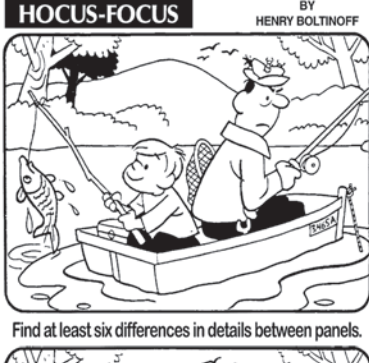
Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with baking. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or even diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you're looking for.

- BAKE  
BANANA  
BROSCHIO  
CHEESE  
CORNMEAL  
CRACKED  
CRESCENTS  
CRUMPLETS  
DOUGH  
FLOUR  
FRENCH  
ITALIAN  
KNEADING  
LOAF  
NUT  
RAISIN  
ROLLS  
SOURDOUGH  
STICKS  
WHEAT  
ZUCCHINI



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# Small critters, big consequences:

## Be mindful of tick-borne diseases

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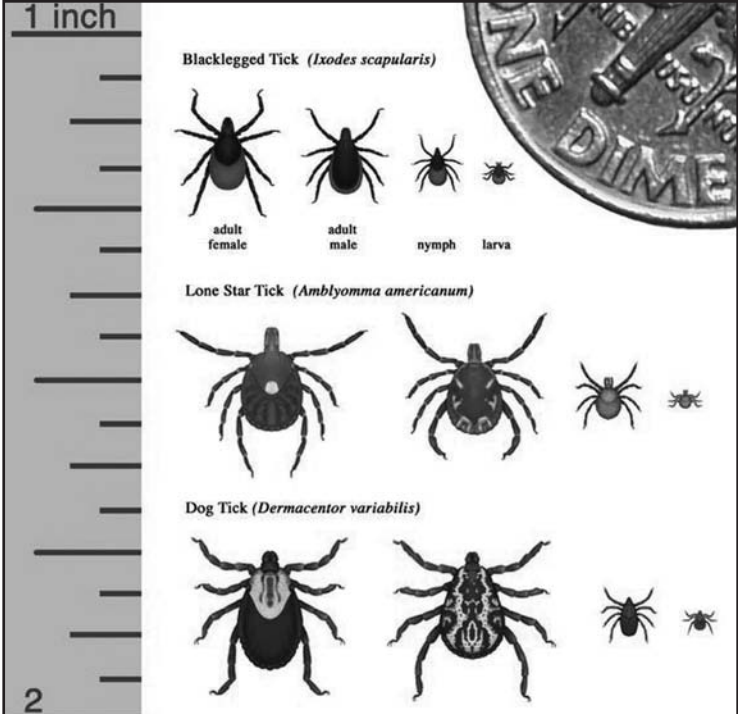
Ticks may be small, but they can spread damaging illnesses through one bite.

Knowing what to look out for and how to prevent tick-borne illnesses can help service members and their families enjoy the outdoors all year-round.

“Ticks bite people any time of the year, but they really respond to weather,” said Ellen Stromdahl, an entomologist at the Army Public Health Center.

The Army Public Health Center tests about 3,000 ticks a year for disease-causing pathogens. Taken off service members, retirees and civilians, the ticks come from about 100 different military installations, Stromdahl said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infections from ticks are increasing. They carry different diseases and can be found in various parts of the country depending on their species, said Stromdahl. Of all the tick-borne illnesses in the United States, one of the least-known vi-



GRAPHIC BY ROBERT K. LANIER

rus is also one of the most dangerous: Powassan virus.

With only 68 cases reported in the United States between 2006 and 2015, Powassan is rare, but the number of reported cases has increased in recent years, according to the CDC. The virus shows no signs at first, but symptoms

begin anywhere from one week to a month after a bite from a black-legged tick. These symptoms include seizures, weakness, headaches, fever, coordination loss, and speech issues. Most reported cases of Powassan have been in the Northeast and the Great Lakes region.

“The fatality rate is about 10 percent,” said Stromdahl, “and Powassan can have long-lasting consequences even if you survive. However, some people infected with the virus are asymptomatic.”

She added there’s no specific treatment or cure available.

In severe cases, hospitalization can be required because of inflammation in the brain. About one-half of those who survive have permanent neurological damage, such as memory problems or headaches.

One of the most commonly reported tick-borne diseases in the United States is Lyme disease. About 20 to 30 percent of black-legged ticks are infected with the pathogen that causes Lyme, said Stromdahl. In 2015, more than 28,000 confirmed cases were reported in the United States. Thousands of cases among service members and other Military Health System beneficiaries have been reported over the last decade.

Early symptoms of Lyme can seem flu-like, including fever, chills, fatigue, headache, aches and swollen lymph nodes. A char-

acteristic sign of Lyme is a bull’s-eye rash around the tick bite, but up to 20 percent of patients may not develop, or do not recall, a rash.

“It’s a preventable disease and, if left untreated, it can have some pretty serious consequences,” said Air Force Col. Carol Fisher, chief of Defense Health Agency Public Health Division. Symptoms can worsen days to months after getting bitten by an infected tick. These signs can include joint pain and swelling, nerve pain, headaches and neck stiffness, and fatigue. Patients can also experience other rashes, heart palpitations, difficulty walking, and problems with short-term memory.

People can help protect themselves against ticks by avoiding wooded areas and areas with high grass, using a tick repellent on skin and clothing, and checking for ticks after being outside, said Fisher. Checking household pets can also help.

“It’s great to be outdoors and active, but we also need to be mindful of the risks ticks can bring to us,” said Stromdahl, echoing Fisher’s warning.

## Enjoy summer, but remember sun safety precautions

**By Ronald W. Wolf**  
*Army Medicine*  
*Public Affairs*

It’s summer time and for many that means getting in plenty of fun in the heat and the sun.

It also means it’s time to revisit smart practices to protect you, your family and especially your children from exposure to the sun and its ultraviolet rays.

This is important because a sunburn now increases your risk – and your children’s risk – for skin cancer later in life.

Let’s start by reviewing some of the risk factors for skin cancer. Although anyone of any skin color has some risk for skin cancer, some individuals are at much higher risk. If you have a lighter natural skin color, a family history of skin cancer, or a personal history of skin cancer, you are in this category. The same is true if your skin burns, freckles or turns red easily in the sun.

There’s more. If you have blue or green eyes, blond or red hair, or a lot of moles, you need to be careful in the sun.

Be wary of sunburns, especially with your children. Like to do your tanning indoors? Indoor tanning is not such a good thing either.

The more time you have spent out in the sun in your lifetime also increases risk.



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**Summer is a good time to have some fun in the sun, but remember to protect yourself and your children.**

The culprit in skin cancer is UV rays. When UV rays reach the skin’s inner layer, the skins response to UV rays is to produce more melanin, the pigment that colors the skin. Melanin moves toward the outer layers of the skin, giving you a tan.

A tan, however, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is not the glow of good health but a response to skin injury.

So, you’re thinking, I need to keep my family indoors, but how can I grill on the barbeque indoors?

You can’t, but here are some precautions and good practices to consider.

Wear broad spectrum sunscreen or protective clothing, and better yet wear both.

Put on broad spectrum sunscreen with at

least SPF 15; a rating higher than SPF 15 is better (SPF stands for Sun Protective Factor). SPF ratings can go up to 100 and the higher the number the better you are protected. Exposed skin needs more sunscreen than skin under a shirt. Sunscreen works best when combined with other options – such as clothing – to prevent UV damage. Read and follow the directions on the sunscreen product.

If possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Some clothing has ratings or information on its UV protective factors. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection.

If long sleeves and pants are not practical, say you’re at the beach, wear a T-shirt or a beach cover-up. A typical T-shirt has an SPF rating lower than 15, so use other types of protection as well.

Do you wear a hat? You don’t have to look like Don Draper wearing a fedora, but you should wear a hat with a brim that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck.

If you wear a baseball cap, protect your ears and the back of your neck by wearing clothing that covers those areas or using the broad spectrum sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher).

Soldiers are issued protective eyewear for a reason. You need protective eyewear,

too. Sunglasses protect your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. Make sure sunglasses block both UVA and UVB rays. Wrap-around sunglasses work best because they block UV rays from the side. They also look cool.

Take advantage of shade if you can. Set up the barbeque grill and lawn chairs under a tree or canopy.

What about your children?

The rules that apply to you also apply to them. But there’s a catch. They are young and just starting their lifetime of exposure to UV rays.

Children need the same sunscreen protection and protective clothing as you do. Wearing hats may not be making a comeback as a fashion accessory, but it’s never too early to start getting in the habit of wearing clothing that provides protection from the sun.

And children like to look cool, so get them sunglasses. Make sure they also have UVA and UVB ratings to protect their eyes.

Hopefully, you already have good sun protection practices. Remember, if you sunburn easily and don’t get much of a tan, extra precaution is needed.

So enjoy the summer, but be mindful of your and your family’s risk and exposure to the sun.

## FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

### Golf gear demo day

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Calaway Demo Day Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the driving range. Attendees will be able to experience the latest and greatest in golf club equipment, according to organizers. Golfers will be able to test out the performance of the latest golf equipment offerings from major manufacturers. The event is open to the public and non-members.

For more information, call 255-0089.

### Tactical Throwdown

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host its Tactical Throwdown third quarter challenge Aug. 14-18. For the third quarter, there will be a rowing challenge. Participation in the challenge is free and open to all Fort Rucker active-duty Soldiers. Official attempts will be conducted during posted dates and times, or by appointment with the functional fitness specialist, according to organizers. Official rules will be posted after the previous quarter’s challenge has been completed.

For more information and a complete listing of challenge rules, call 255-2296.

### Fort Rucker Color Run

The Fort Rucker Color Run is scheduled for Aug. 26 at the festival fields. Participants are encouraged to pre-register – forms are available at either physical fitness center or MWR Central. Race start times will be at 8 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., according to bib numbers.

For more information, including costs for the run, call 255-2296.

### Ready, Set, Run! registration

Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness continues registration for its Ready, Set, Run! Program through Monday. The program provides an opportunity for youth to spend time with friends chatting and exercising and taking part in a national program featured on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. The program focuses on character-development and physical training for a 5k run, according to organizers. The program equips youth with the physical training and goal-setting mentality needed to accomplish their running goals. Issues like enhancing confidence and self-esteem, respecting authority, dealing with peer pressure and fueling their bodies through proper nutrition are covered during the 12-week session. Youth will participate

in three runs throughout the program. Cost is \$45 for the season that runs Aug. 7 to Oct. 28. All of the runs will be on Fort Rucker.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-2257.

### Fort Rucker Hunting Incentive Program

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation offers a hunting incentive program to help control the coyote and feral pig population on post. The program is targeted to controlling these invasive species. The hunting runs through Aug. 31. The first five registered hunters who kill five coyotes or 20 hogs and turn them in will be given a doe tag for deer season. In order to get credit for the kill and have it count towards the incentive, hunters must be signed into Hunt-Trac, so their location is known and can be verified. Hunters will be allowed to email pictures in after hours to outdoor recreation with the hunter and the harvest killed in front of one of the weigh stations. Hunters on post are required to have an Alabama State Hunting Permit, a post hunting permit and must have completed the hunters’ education course. Hunting on Fort Rucker is open to the public.

For additional information on how to participate,

including the email addresses for emailing the photos, call 255-4305.

### Youth football, cheerleading, soccer registration

Registration for youth football, cheerleading and soccer runs through Monday. Practices will begin Wednesday. A parents meeting will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the youth center, Bldg. 2800. Age groups for football are 9-10 and 11-12 – cost is \$65 per child. Age groups for cheerleading are 8-9 and 10-11 – cost is \$45 per child. Two mascots for each age group, ages 4-5 and ages 6-7 – cost is \$25 per child. Soccer practices will begin Aug. 7 – cost is \$25 for ages 4-5 and \$45 for ages 6-13. Evaluations will be held Aug. 7 for ages 8 and up, if necessary, at the youth center. There will be a parent’s meeting will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the youth center. To register, children must be a child and youth services member and have a current sports physical.

Also, prospective coaches are needed. Those who are interested in coaching can call 255-0950 or 255-2254 for more information.

For more information, call 255-2257 or 225-9638.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

2	3	8	1	5	9	7	6	4
5	1	9	6	4	7	3	2	8
6	4	7	3	8	2	5	9	1
8	2	5	4	9	1	6	7	3
4	7	3	5	6	8	2	1	9
1	9	6	2	7	3	4	8	5
7	6	4	8	1	5	9	3	2
9	8	2	7	3	4	1	5	6
3	5	1	9	2	6	8	4	7

## TRIVIA

#### Answers

- Bosphorus Strait
- ... louder than words.”
- A rose (“Romeo and Juliet”)
- Wyoming
- James Logan Howlett
- Cough
- A siege
- 12
- Responsible for sense of smell
- Operation Overlord



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